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Anne Enger Lahnstein, a Norwegian politician dubbed the "No Queen," taking questions Tuesday after the vote.

A Blank Piece in EU's North Corner

By John Darnton New York Times Service

OSLO - Norway has again said "no" to Europe, and the European Union re-acted Tuesday with the frozen smile of a illted suitor. There were expressions of disappointment and regret and underneath the whispered message: It's going to hurt you more than it hurts me.

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By resolutely rejecting membership in the Union in a referendum with a record turnout of 88.5 percent, Norwegian voters broke the Union's winning streak. In a series of votes this year that were timed to maximize pressure on Oslo, ever the reluctant applicant, the people of Austria. Finland and Sweden all decided to

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers supporting the world trade agreement were

hoping Tuesday that a predicted 100-vote

victory margin in the House would build

momentum for passage in the Senate, where the outcome of a vote Thursday

The pact would reduce tariffs and other

barriers to trade among 124 nations.
Vice President Al Gore made a final

pitch for the accord Tuesday in the hours

before the House was to vote in its first

The vote counts are coming in a way

lame-duck session in 12 years.

remains in doubt.

Their ascension on Jan. I means that the European Union, intended to bring about a single market and perhaps some day even a unified political entity, will become a 15-nation body of 340 million people, extending from the warm Mediterranean waters to the Arctic, and from the west Irish coast to the Danube.

But now there will be a missing piece in the puzzle in the northern corner not a big one, but a disturbing blank space all the same.

The snub from Oslo means one less small, wealthy and stable country to balance the rush of applications from six countries of Eastern Europe, three Baltic states and Cyprus and Multa. A Union summit next week in Essen, Germany, is

Focus Is on Senate Outlook for Trade Pact

President Bill Clinton lobbied House

members in large and small groups, as his

aides expressed confidence that the ac-

cord, negotiated over seven years under the General Agreement on Tariffs and

At his last news conference as House

speaker, Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of

Washington, said he was confident the

outgoing Democratic-controlled House

low," he said. A failure to approve the

"I hope and trust the Senate will fol-

But we're not there yet."

Trade, would pass its first test.

would approve GATT.

supposed to formally endorse the com-

plicated plans for eastward expansion. No one expects any of the applicants to think twice after Norway's rejection. Norway has long been a special case in that the Union wanted it more than it wanted the Union. Once before, in 1972, Norwegian voters rejected joining the then-European Economic Community, and by a margin only slightly larger than

the 52.2 percent "no" vote of Monday. Norway's oil and gas reserves and rich fisheries give it financial resources. Its history of domination by neighboring countries sharpen a stubborn independence. And a broad array of welfare services lends a comforting sense of insu-

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"a signal blow" to U.S. leadership in the

The agreement is supported by House

leaders of both parties, with the exception

of the third-ranking Democrat, David

Bonior of Michigan, the outgoing majority

The vote is the first test of cooperation

between Mr. Clinton's Democrats and the

Republicans who will take control of the

Congress next year. The presumptive House speaker, Newt Gingrich, a Georgia

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that tells us we're close to victory," he said. trade accord, Mr. Foley added, would be

UN Threatens to Recall Its Forces From Bosnia

Butros Ghali to Make It Clear: Agree to a Cease-Fire, or Else

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

ZAGREB, Croatia — Humiliated and harassed by Bosnian Serbian forces, the United Nations has decided to deliver a formal message to the warring parties in Bosnia that it will terminate its peacekeep-ing mission if a countrywide cease-fire is not quickly agreed to.

Senior Western officials said the planned visit to Sarajevo on Wednesday by the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, had been conceived to put the maximum political weight possible behind a warning that fighting must stop now or UN peacekeepers will leave.

The warning, which amounts to a virtual ultimatum, is now seen as the only course for the United Nations after a week in which Serbs have taken its personnel hostage, subjected some soldiers to outright humiliation, stopped most convoys and demonstrated that a so-called safe area like the Muslim enclave of Bihac may in fact be attacked with impunity.

In effect, the threat of a United Nations withdrawal will amount to pressure on the Bosnian government to maintain its acceptance of the peace plan even if it is elaborated in some ways to please the Serbs. The Serbs might face more pressure from NATO if the UN pulled out.

One official close to the planning for the visit said that "the Butros Ghali visit has been conceived as a dramatic gesture to deliver an ultimatum on withdrawal if a cease-fire of substantial duration is not

There are more than 23,000 United Nations peacekeepers in Bosnia.

Michael Williams, a spokesman for the United Nations protection force here, said Tuesday that "we're not at the stage of

in he added that the "rock-pottom conditions" for the continuation of the were an immediate end to the fighting in Bihac, a Bosnian cease-fire, and guarantees that United Nations personnel could move freely.

"Mr. Butros Ghali would be gravely disappointed if he left Sarajevo without substantial movement in those three ar-

While the decision of the United Nations reflects the recent demonstration of its powerlessness, it has also been closely coordinated with the five-nation "contact group" to bring as much pressure as possible to bear on the Muslim-led Bosnian government and the Serbs to accept their

[Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said Tuesday that he would propose new talks between the warring factions leading to a possible international conference. Reuters reported. He said he would

propose the talks Friday in Brussels at a meeting of foreign ministers of the contact group on the former Yugoslavia — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany.]

The top UN official here, Yasushi Akashi, met Tuesday for 90 minutes with officials from the five countries.

If the United Nations carried out its threat to withdraw, government forces would lose any buffer against the better-armed Serbs, and the Muslim enclaves of Bihac, Gorazde, Srebrenica and Zepa would almost certainly fall immediately.

The Bosnian Serbs, at the same time, would lose their last international interlocutor; their leadership is now banned from international travel. Eventually, they might also face exposure to NATO mili-tary action without the shield of the United Nations peacekeepers, whom they have been able to use as hostages.

The international peace plan, accepted by the Bosnian government but rejected by e Serbs, offers 51 percent of Bosnia to a Muslim-Croat federation and 49 percent to the Serbs, who would have to give up about one-third of the territory they currently hold.

Confusion was apparent Tuesday over possible adjustments of this plan at the contact group ministerial meeting Friday.

The chief U.S. contact group official, Charles Thomas, said that the plan would not be changed — even as Defense Secretary William J. Perry said new initiatives would be possible.

"We stick with the plan. We insist that the map be accepted," Mr. Thomas said in Sarajevo. But Mr. Perry said in Washington, "Certainly, one of the things that would be considered is allowing a confederation between the Bosnian Serbs and the

This discordant expression of American policy reflected tensions between the State Department, inclined to take a tougher with the Seros, and the Pentagor which has made clear its opposition to military involvement in Bosnia. But it also reflected some misunderstandings.

None of the proposed adjustments to the plan alter the fact that the map as it stands must be accepted by the Bosnian

However, officials said that the new ideas were that if the Serbs accepted the man, they would be told that they need not withdraw to the lines on the map until a constitutional arrangement acceptable to them had been found and until possible mutually acceptable territorial exchanges vere discussed.

The constitutional arrangement would probably be a Serbian confederation — an idea strongly supported by Russia, Britain and France, but still viewed with reservations by the U.S. State Department.

Allies Breathe Sigh of Relief As U.S. Drops **Past Policies**

By Joseph Fitchett d Herold Tribune

PARIS - Following the Clinton administration's policy reversal on Bosnia, the Serbs are going to get a better offer about the future shape of Bosnia now that they have defied international pressure by virtually conquering the Bihac region, Western of-

ficials said Tuesday.

The Serbs' reward will take the form of a still-to-be-defined peace plan, the officials said, because a diplomatic initiative — not stepped-up threats of intervention — is the West's only practical alternative now.

European governments have embraced this damage-control approach, especially because it comes with promises that Washington will retreat from its tough — and ultimately ineffective — rhetoric depicting the Bos-nian Muslims as victims who should and could be defended by air strikes.

"Both sides are being hurt by the fighting; both could benefit from a peace plan," Defense Secretary William J. Perry said in a television interview Tuesday.

In any new proposals, he said, "One thing that would be considered is allowing a federation between Bosnian Serbs and Serbs."

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd of Britain also backed that possibility Tuesday, saving it might induce Bosnia's Serbs into peace talks.

Although Bostina' Muslim-led government opposes such a linkup as disguised annexation of its territory to Serbia, Clinton administration officials were quoted as saying that this and other proposals were open to discussion, provided the Serbs accepted Bosnia as an independent country.

No matter how well crafted, a restitched Western approach can only offer tactical cover for the allies' damaged credibility. And it cannot do much to deter other Balkan factions that may be tempted to pursue their own military ambitions. The administration, sustaining the

worst blow yet to its credibility in foreign policy, apparently shifted policy because the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was at risk of shattering. European governments, exposed to

acute humiliation by the failure to See DEFY, Page 6

Yeltsin Warns of Invasion **Unless Chechens Stop War**

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia threatened military intervention Tuesday into a breakaway southern republic unless the internal warfare there, which has taken hundreds of lives, comes

to a halt by Thursday morning.

The ultimatum gave warring sides in the Chechen republic 48 hours to lay down their arms, disband all armed units and release prisoners. If these actions are not taken, Moscow will impose a state of emergency in the volatile Muslim republic, which unilaterally declared its independence from Russia in 1991.

Mr. Yeltsin's ultimatum to use "all forces and resources at the disposal of the state" to restore order in Chechnya followed threats Tuesday by the Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, to execute 70 captured fighters who he maintains are Russian soldiers sent to topple him. Mr. Dudayev later softened his threat, saying the men would be imprisoned as prisoners of war.

Mr. Yeltsin's demands produced derision in the Chechen capital of Grozny, according to press reports. The Chechen foreign minister, Shamsedin Yusef, said Mr. Yeltsin must have been "drunk" when he thought up the ultimatum and warned that Russia would risk "another Afghanistan" if it sent in troops.

Chechnya's assertion of independence and its growing lawlessness have been sore points for the Kremlin, which is determined to reassert its control over Russia's huge expanse. But an incursion in the mountainous region, which Russia subdued in the late 1800s after a century of warfare, poses risks. In 1991, after Chechnya declared its

independence, Mr. Yeltsin sent in troops to quell the rebellion. But they were forced into hasty retreat after encountering a hostile, and well-armed, local resistance. Mr. Dudayev's backers say that if Russia now attempts to reassert its rule, Chechens will

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Muslims peering from a tent in a refugee camp in Batnoga, Bosnia.

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Cabinet Backs Berlusconi's Goals

ROME (AP) - Prime Minister Silvio tions, stronger antitrust laws and great-Berlusconi received a boost Tuesday as er political and economic decentralizathe cabinet backed further privatiza- tion, a government spokesman said.

At NATO, Dole Adds Fuel To Arms Embargo Feud

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

BRUSSELS — The incoming Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, set the new Republican-controlled Congress on a collision course Tuesday with the European allies by declaring that one of its early priorities would be to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia's mostly Muslim govern-

After a day of meetings at NATO head-quarters, Mr. Dole said he was still convinced that the only way to end Europe's worst conflict since World War II was to provide the Bosnian government with more effective means of defending itself in the 32-month war with rebel Serbs.

There has been no pressure on the Serbs," Mr. Dole said, "and until there's some leverage it's going to be very difficult to stop the lighting."

France and Britain, which have nearly 10,000 troops on the ground serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force, have stoutly resisted any effort to lift the

embargo. They have warned that such a

against their soldiers and an escalation in the fighting that could inflame the entire region.

Faced with one of the worst crises in the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-nization, the Clinton administration has sought to mollify the allies in recent days by abandoning earlier calls for broader air strikes against the Serbs and emphasizing the need for a negotiated solution. It had previously announced that it would no longer enforce the embargo on arms for

Defense Secretary William J. Perry conceded Sunday that the Serbs had all by won the war. Mr. Dole has drawn praise for his

tisan statesmanship in endorsing th al trade treaty that is now expecte passed by an overwhelming congr. majority. But his tough stance of suggests that President Bill Chi face serious problems with the quin

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New York Times Service HANOI - As much as any animal can be, the sao

By Philip Shenon

la is publicity shy. For thousands of years, small herds of these gentle, goatlike creatures munched their way through the mountainous grasslands of Indochina, drawing so little attention that the outside world had no hint of their existence.

But that all changed when sao la were thrust into the age of celebrity, pushed in front of the television cameras and celebrated in National Geographic and People Magazine — overnight zoological superstars.

And that is what is killing them. Known by their Vietnamese name, sao la, the first species of large mammal to become known to international science in half a century, are threatened with extinction - not at the hands of loggers or animal predators, but because

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of the well-meaning frenzy whipped up by scientists, environmentalists and the press.

Out of a population estimated at only 200, at least 6 of the nimble-footed, dagger-horned creatures have died this year after encountering humans.

"Certainly, we felt the need to tell the world about this discovery, but publicity has been a very mixed blessing," said David L. Hulse, the representative here of the World Wildlife Fund, which sponsored the research that led to the discovery of the animal.

"I didn't expect this much publicity, not at all." The announcement in 1992 that scientists in central Vietnam had discovered a large, hitherto unknown bovine with antelopelike horns and a glossy coat was described as the zoological equivalent of finding a new

"Something about this story just caught people's

fancy," said Mr. Hulse, whose parents read of the discovery in their hometown paper in Iowa. "It was amazing to me that something we were

doing over here would be news in Des Moines." Suddenly, it seemed, everybody wanted one of the creatures. Rumors spread among poor farmers that if they could deliver a live sao la, they would be show-

cred with riches. Competing Japanese television crews were widely reported to have offered several thousand dollars to anyone who could produce a sao la for the cameras, an extraordinary offer in an area where families earn the

"We try to tell the tribal people, 'Don't catch, don't touch, don't eat,' but it's not easy," said Vo Quy, a biology professor at Hanoi University and director of the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental

equivalent of \$200 a year.

"Just the other day, I got a call asking me "lites de Gaulle to buy one for \$1 million. I tell them, 'No, ly nothing.' The animals are more valuable in memore

The government has added sao la to endangered animals, which makes it a crim to catch or kill one.

But the promise of bounty is too tempti farmers, and foreign environmentalists " Vietnam say sao la are still being tracked toin

Two adolescent sao la were captured thi QUICK moved to a botanical garden in Hanoi, but the Par October, apparently from an infection

People were so upset," said Nguyen Hu deputy director of the Forest Inventory and P. Institute, who helped care for the creatures.

"Some veterinarians cried."

Norway's 'No' Vote Doesn't Faze the EU

Focusing on Eastern Europe, Union Sees Bigger Fish to Fry

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - Senior European Union officials shrugged off Tuesday the decision by Norwegian voters to reject EU membership, saying the referendum raised questions about Norway's future but would not impede the Union's expansion. Jacques Delors, president of

the Union's executive commission, said he was disappointed by the outcome, but neither he nor any other EU officials professed any concern.

That is because the Union had already declared its latest round of enlargement a success country, followed their Finnish and Austrian counterparts in

approving EU membership.

The entry of those three countries in January will give the Union the economic and political impetus to begin considering the next, more difficult round of expansion, into Eastern Europe.

The new, 15-member EU will be the world's largest and richest political grouping, with about 340 million people and a combined economic output of 5.84 trillion European currency

"The Norwegian people are running the risk of living next to dential candidate Jacques a huge economic group whose rules they will have to respect without having a say in how they are established," Alain Lamassoure, France's European affairs minister, told French ra-

"Enlargement is being offered to free nations," he said. "If they accept, fine. If they refuse, too bad."

European Economic Commu- ple.'

nity in 1972, Monday's result was not entirely unexpected, said Hans van den Broek, the EU commissioner who led the Union's negotiations with Oslo. Still, the vote was a bitter

personal defeat for Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland. "It will now be more demanding for us to reach our goals, more demanding to be heard internationally," she said

She dismissed suggestions that she step down as head of the minority Labor Party government. But the daily Verdens Gang called the result "a formidable defeat for Brundtland" two weeks ago, when voters in and said, "In the next few days, Sweden, the biggest candidate questions are bound to be asked about her personal position."

> Some EU officials almost expressed relief at the outcome, given Norway's historical hesitation over Europe. Opposition has already surfaced in Britain and France to plans for furthering EU integration at a 1996 conference, and the inclusion of yet another member deeply divided about EU cooperation could have made the 1996 negotiations unmanageable.

One commission official welcomed the outcome, saying, "It's not good to be in a club when you don't want to be."

In France, the Gaullist presi-Chirac used the result to attack Mr. Delors, his likely rival. Mr. Chirac, who has criticized the EU commission for meddling in national affairs, said the vote showed that commission policies "have alienated many Europeans.

Mr. Delors said the result should ease the fears of Euroskeptics because it demonstrat-Given that Norway rejected ed that "nothing is possible membership in the predecessor without the support of the peo-



Rivals at Close Quarters

The French presidential candidate Jacques Chirac and his likely opponent from the right, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, at a Paris ceremony Tuesday to honor the Free French general. Leclerc de Hautclocque. Their rare encounter came as former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Philippe Seguin, the National Assembly speaker, dismissed talk of a primary between the two men.

Financier's Aid for Russian Science Is Endangered

By Lee Hockstader Washington Past Service

MOSCOW - Two years ago, the American financier George Soros offered an extraordinary Christmas pre-Union left penniless after the collapse of communism.

By nearly all accounts the program has been a resounding success, furnishing a safety net for about 50,000 top researchers and for the first time using merit rather than political connections as the basis for awarding grants for basic

science in the former Soviet states. In Moscow, where three-fifths of the

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tual elite is at work thanks mainly to Mr. Soros's largesse.

Now, with the Soros money dwindling and Russia's economic crisis sap-Science Foundation.

Mr. Soros, a Hungarian-born investor who made a fortune on Wall Street, made it clear from the start that one of his goals was to set an example for Western governments and financial in-

So far, about two-thirds of his original

by the end of next year. Mr. Soros said he was willing to continue helping former Soviet scientists - albeit at a reduced level - but only if his founda- to keep the Soros program alive. They sent: a \$100 million "gift" to support the ping its own funds for scientific re-work of scientists of the former Soviet search. a bureaucratic battle in Russian and U.S. governments. He has committing funds to the successor states search, a bureaucratic battle in Washington has imperiled the future of the Soros program, the International if Moscow and Washington each do the foundation committed exclusively to ba-

In Moscow, where a bitter battle over the 1995 budget is under way, Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin has promised \$12.5 million in funds for basic scientific research coordinated with the International Science Foundation

much of the city's academic and intellec- and the balance is scheduled to be spent that and took it as a good omen for further funding.
But in Washington, administration

officials have balked at pledging money sic research

For example, U.S. officials have expressed doubts that funds from the Defense Department intended by law to help convert Soviet military production to civilian uses could be applied for basic civilian research.

U.S. officials say that cash available recipients live, it sometimes seems as if \$100 million grant has been disbursed, next year. The Soros program matched for Russian science is simply scarce.

cause we are dealing now with

cases going back maybe 10, maybe 15, 20 years," he added.

ed Sunday with allegations that

a priest assaulted an 8-year-old

girl in Londonderry, in North-ern Ireland, in 1989. The priest

has since returned to his Cister-

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plaint with police.

The latest controversy erupt-

Republic To Deport 2 Dissidents

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — The Russian authorities have detained two exiled Turkmen dissidents living here who are regular con-tributors to the U.S.-funded Radio Liberty, officials acknowledged Tuesday. They said the exiles were detained at the request of Turkmenistan, an authoritarian Central Asian government.

Human-rights groups here protested the arrests and are now lobbying to keep Russia from deporting the dissidents to Turkmenistan. The humanrights groups depict Turkmenistan's request as part of a larger campaign by President Sapar-murad A. Niyazov to eradicate all democratic opposition to his one-man rule.

They were the only source of reliable information for the Turkmen people," said Shokhrat Kadyrov, a Turkmen sociol-ogist here. "If they are sent to Turkmenistan now, it will be

the end of them." The Russian government, while promising to protect human rights that are routinely ignored in the former Soviet re-publics of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, nonetheless has been reluctant to offend the rulers of those Central Asian

Many Russian politicians view Central Asia as a geopolitical battleground where Moscow faces off against Turkey. China, Islamic fundamentalists and the West. Turkmenistan, a desert republic with rich gas deposists bordering Iran and Alghanistan, is a particularly

valuable prize. Democratic activists from Central Asia frequently complain that Russia will not grant refugee status or protection from Central Asian security services operating beyond their own borders.

But human-rights advocates said the detentions of the two opposition figures marked the first time that Russia has officially assisted Turkmenistan to muzzle its opposition - or, as Mr. Niyazov said in a recent newspaper article, "to neutralize the activities of traitors to the homeland."

cow-based official of the advocacy group Human Rights istan has jailed seven dissidents in the past month, since Mr. Nivazov made that statement. He said two were seized by Turkmen security agents in Uzbekistan and taken to Turkmenistan, although both were Russian citizens.

A spokesman for the Turkmenistan Embassy here said that one of the Radio Liberty contributors, Murad Yesenov, was being sought on suspicion of "preparation of a major state which the spokesman crime."

would not specify. Turkmenistan also requested the detention of the other contributor, Khalmurad Soyunov, in alleged connection with a 1992 rape, the spokesman said. Abdy Kuliev, a leader of the

Turkmen opposition here, said that the Turkmen security service, known as the KNB, routinely fabricated charges of racketeering, drug smuggling and other crimes against Mr. Niyazov's peaceful political op-

ised full cooperation in any inponents.
"This dirty game continues up to today," Mr. Kuliev said. vestigation. The girl's family has not made a formal com-Mr. Kuliev, a former Soviet diplomat and, briefly, Turkmen A previous scandal involving a long delay in legal proceedforeign minister, said Mr. Niyaings helped bring down the zov has written to President Bo-Irish government two weeks ris N. Yeltsin asking that Mr. Kuliev, too, be handed over.

WORLD BRIEFS

Asks Russia Papandreou Drops Presidency Hopes

ATHENS (AP) — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreon tried to subdue a unity crisis Tuesday in his ruling Socialist party by announcing that he will not pursue the presidency next year.

Mr. Papandreou had been widely expected to make a bid for the mainly ceremonial post when President Constantine Karamanlis's five year term ends in May. His statement was an effort to end the

five-year term ends in May. His statement was an effort to end the inve-year term ends in May. His statement was an erfort to end the jockeying among leading members of his ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement over who would succeed him as party leader.

A move to the presidency could lead to a breakup of the party, called Pasok, which Mr. Papandreou founded after the fall of the 1967-74 military dictatorship. That threat has led ranking Pasok members to discuss Mr. Papandreou's succession.

Communist Named as Nepal's Leader

KATMANDU, Nepal (Reuters) — King Birendra named Man-Mohan Adhikary as Nepal's first Communist prime minister on Tuesday, ending two weeks of political deadlock after a general election that left the Himalayan kingdom with a hung Parliament. "I have been appointed as prime minister and I will be swom intomorrow," Mr. Adhikary said as he left a meeting with the king whose late father, King Mahendra, had jailed the Communist, leader for anti-monarchy activities. Mr. Adhikary. 74, said that

communism did not mean an end to Nepal's four-year experiment with democracy.

Marxism or communism as a philosophy depends on how best we can put it into action according to the realities of the country," he said. Mr. Adhikary's Unified Marxist-Leninist party won a plurality in the general election and staked a claim to form the, nation's first Communist government.

Japan Drops Mission to North Korea

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan dropped plans Tuesday to send a mission to North Korea this week after receiving what it said were

The secretary-general of the Social Democratic Party, Wataru Kubo, said the ruling coalition, which includes the Socialists, had decided to postpone the mission "for the time being." The visit was intended to explore ways of improving relations.

Meanwhile, North Korean negotiators flew into Beijing for talks with U.S. officials on averting any nuclear threats from

Mexico's New Leader Meets With Left

MEXICO CITY (AP) - President-elect Ernesto Zedillo Ponce' de Léon moved to soothe one of Mexico's bitterest divisions by. meeting with leaders of the main leftist opposition and pledging to work for greater political reforms.

It was something that President Carlos Salinas de Gortari neverdid in his six-year term, which ends Thursday. As such, the meeting Monday was seen as a major signal of the changing political guard in Mexico.

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The Democratic Revolution Party claimed that Mr. Salinas', fraud-marred 1988 election was illegitimate. It blames him in partfor the deaths of nearly 300 party activists killed in suspicious circumstances over the past six years. That hostility and lack of communication helped push political conflicts to the brink of violence throughout Mr. Salinas' term.

Hungary Abandons World Fair Plans

BUDAPEST (Reuters) — Hungary on Tuesday abandoned plans to stage the 1996 Expo world fair in Budapest, a Foreign. Ministry spokesman said.

After the Hungarian Parliament voted earlier this month, against hosting Expo '96, supporters of the fair hurried to collect. the 100,000 signatures needed to force a referendum on the issue." But of the 115,000 signatures submitted last week, only 85.000 were found to be genuine, authorities said.

Hungary's socialist-liberal government declared after it took power in mid-July that it would scrap its conservative predecessors' plans for the fair, saying the country could not afford it.

Alexander Petrov. a Mos- A Call for U.S.-French AIDS Truce

PARIS (AP) — Hoping to put a bitter French-American dispute to rest, the U.S. health secretary, Donna E. Shalala. called Tuesday for a new era of research cooperation to replace years of wrangling over royalties for an AIDS blood test.

Ms. Shalala, along with the French researchers Dr. Luc Montagnier and Dr. Maxime Schwartz, emphasized the importance of ' continued international cooperation in the fight against AIDS. She said her visit marked "a new chapter in our relationship — a chapter rooted in mutual trust, friendship, esteem and coopera-

Squabbling between French and American researchers arose from a 1987 agreement that unevenly divided royalties between the two countries for the AIDS blood test. The test was first patented by an American research group headed by Dr. Robert C. Gallo, although a French group led by Dr. Montagnier had applied for patent approval several months earlier. The Americans had received \$2.8 million from test sales, while the French earned only \$2.1 million. The proportions now are reversed.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Eurostar Breaks Down in France

PARIS (Combined Dispatches) - A high-speed Eurostar train traveling from London to Paris broke down Tuesday, forcing 633' passengers to be transferred and delaying their arrival in Paris by two hours, officials said.

The TGV train was stopped by technical problems in the Haute; Picardie region between the French coast and Paris after passing through the Channel tunnel, French rail officials said. A replacement train was brought onto the line after the breakdown.

The breakdown is the first since commercial services started on Nov. 14. French rail officials said that they would reimburse passengers their tickets. (AFP, Reuters)

Nigeria Air to Resume N.Y. Flights

LAGOS (AP) - Nigeria Airways said Tuesday it would resume flights to New York that were suspended last year because of U.S. concerns about safety and security at Murtala Muhammed Inter-

national Airport in Lagos.

The flights, the most lucrative for the troubled state-owned airline, are to start Dec. 15 but will be routed via Dakar, Senegal, for security screening before proceeding to New York. Return. flights are direct from New York to Lagos. Nigeria Airways plans: two flights a week initially, going up to three soon.

Belgian flights and train services were paralyzed Tuesday by a 24-hour strike affecting public service companies. Unions called the strikes a warning on government privatization plans. (Reuters).

Capital Airport in Beijing plans to eliminate fog that has forced it to close several times this month by spraying liquid nitrogen; across the runways, Xinhua said Tuesday. (Reuters)

Irish Prelate Is Severe on Child Abuse stantial — the police should be informed," he said. therapy and never again be in a pastoral position near children. BELFAST -- The leader of S-I-N-G-A-P-O-R-E Ireland's 4 million Roman "More cases will surface be-Depth apply 14:明 50 cp 148/48 65 ftm) Back 16/17 Francisco 149 (17 167)

Catholics said Tuesday that the church would not protect pedofurther cases might emerge.

Cardinal Cahal Daly gave the sexual molestation against two priests shook Catholics on both sides of the Irish border. The church has no desire to

cover up or shelter or shield anybody," Cardinal Daly said in Armagh, Ireland's ecclesias-tical capital.

"Once substantial cases are verified, and known to be sub-

where he worked.

The cardinal, in a BBC radio

by the whole church was nothing compared with the pain endured by the victims and their families

The Irish Times said the po-

lice were investigating a numphile clergy and warned that ber of charges of sexual abuse by clergymen, including one that a religious brother sexually assurance as allegations of child abused a mentally disabled woman at a residential home

interview, said the betrayal felt

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Illegal Immigrants Cruise Past Agency's Blind Eye

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New York Times Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida -For illegal immigrants, getting into the United States can be as simple as climbing the gangplank of a cruise ship in the Bahamas and strolling off again in South Florida a few hours later — without ever showing any proof of citizenship or exchanging even a word with an immigration service inspector.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service's own investigators found more than a year ago that foreign criminal gangs have used these day cruises to the Bahamas as a virtual underground railroad for smuggling aliens and drugs into the United

Yet the federal agency has made no major changes in the way it carries out immigration inspections, continuing to conduct them on board the cruise ships. This practice is much criticized by the Border Patrol, the Justice Department and even some cruise line

"It's kind of a joke," said Marsha Lightsey Tivoli, who carried out doz-

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TOPICS

For Healthy Old Age,

Hit the Road After 50

If you want to grow old

healthily, exercise. The

monthly Annals of Internal

Medicine, published a Stan-

ford University study that found that "older people

who engage in vigorous run-

ning and other aerobic activities have lower mortality

and slower development of

disability than do members

Researchers compared the

of the general population."

health of 330 nonrunners

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bers of the 50-Plus Fitness

club over an eight-year peri-od and found "striking, per-sistent and increasing differ-

ences between runners and

nonrunners." with runners

needing fewer medications

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more important being fit is," says Dr. Walter Bortz 2d, 64,

a physician who ran in the recent New York Marathon. "Fitness for young people is

an option. For old people, it's an imperative."

Being active assumes in-

creasing importance after:

age 40. "Being active" is usu-

ally defined as getting at

least 20 minutes, preferably

more, of running, tennis,

swimming or other activity

that gets you out of breath,

at least three times a week, preferably more. Walking.

golfing, bowling and the like

are not sufficient. Converts

from the sedentary life, how-

ever, are advised to see their

doctors before pulling on the

Airships and construction

cranes have been around for

generations, but only recent-

ly have scientists been using

them to explore towering

treetop canopies from the

Pacific Northwest to the

jungles of Sri Lanka, rather

than risking life and limb by

simply climbing. They also

use ski-lift rigs, towers and platforms. "I'd call this the

running togs.

Short Take

"The older you are, the

medical problems.

in Par

- Carre

ens of "en route" inspections aboard ships that cruise to the Bahamas before she resigned from the agency last year. "There's no clear-cut way to say you've seen every person on that ship or even really know who's on the

· It also appears to demonstrate the immigration service's lackadaisical approach to glaring problems, even after its own employees illuminate them. A New York Times reporter traveling on Discovery I of Discovery Cruises early this month found that the loopholes of en route inspections remain wide open — even as the agency pours money and manpower into Southern California to keep illegal immigrants out

Most international passengers arriving in the United States face greater scrutiny. At airports, they pass through an immigration checkpoint where inspectors can view their passports and check their names against a computer data base. And on most long international cruises, passengers are inspected when they step off the

ship.

But for nearly all day cruises to the

Caribbean, and even some longer ones, inspections are carried out en route. This procedure is also often followed on cruises from West Coast ports to points in Mexico.

Inspectors generally enjoy the work, said Allen McAtee, who was a senior inspector in Fort Lauderdale until he retired last summer. In fact, the Justice Department has found that inspectors often took friends and family along and that the cruise lines gave them free or discounted tickets.

For en route inspections, the inspector waits as an announcement over the ship's public-address system asks all passengers who are not U.S. citizens to report. The inspector looks at the papers of those people who choose to come and pays no attention to everyone else. Any illegal aliens who board in the Bahamas can ignore the announcement; if they do, they are never asked to show identity papers to anyone.

An undercover investigation by the Border Patrol, an arm of the immigration service, found that day cruises had become a favorite way for criminal organizations to smuggle aliens and drugs into the United States. The five-year investigation, "Operation Seacruise," found that foreign gangs used the cruises to get their soldiers into the United States, where they sold drugs, smuggled weapons and committed homicides, assaults

and drive-by shootings. Joe Foster, the Border Patrol special agent who ran the investigation, said he took his findings to the cruise lines and his own agency.

"The cruise lines, they would do anything we wanted," he said. "But we couldn't get the service to do any-

thing about it."
Dan Cadman, who heads the service's Miami office, acknowledged there were flaws in en route inspections. But he defended them, saying tourism is a huge industry in South

"Cruises are a huge industry," he said, "and we are faced with the dilemma of trying to expeditiously clear people off of those cruise ships and at the same time trying to conduct some kind of inspection. If we were to do all of it at landside, we would detain all of those ships."

Health Unit * POLITICAL NOTES> Sets Trials Republican Early Birds Get Jump on '96 **Of Vaccines** WASHINGTON - Of the many Republicans seriously considering running for president in 1996, two are ahead of

their strategies.

By Lawrence K. Altman

For AIDS

New York Times Service NEW YORK — In a sharp turnaround driven by a desper-ate need to stop the AIDS epidemic, the World Health Organization is moving ahead with plans for the first large trials of the two most widely tested ex-perimental AIDS vaccines, quite possibly in Thailand.

U.S. health officials had rejected plans for testing the vac-cines in the United States in

But an advisory panel of experts has given the Geneva-based health organization a green light to design and carry out full-scale trials of the effectiveness of the two experimental vaccines against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Both vaccines have gone through the first two stages of a three-stage testing system, evaluating safety and immunologic responses. The third phase tests the vaccines' ability to protect against the disease, and the trials now being planned could involve several thousand volunteers. The experiments are aimed at determining whether the vaccines can prevent infection with HIV, not whether they can prevent AIDS in people already infected with HIV.

The health organization now estimates that 17 million people have been infected and that 4 million have AIDS. Even a vaccine with a low degree of protection would be valuable.

Because so much preparation nceds to be done, a full-scale study of AIDS vaccines could not begin until 1996 at the earliest, said Dr. Peter Piot, an infectious disease expert and organization official. No decision has been made on where to begin testing, but initial indications point to Thailand as the first site, with Brazil and Uganda as distant contenders, he

In an interview, he said that scientists from the U.S. Army, American medical schools and the World Health Organization have been working for several years with Thai doctors and health officials who are eager to do the trials in Thailand. In June, a panel convened by

U.S. health officials expressed a lack of confidence in the potency of the two vaccines and overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to conduct phase-trials in the United States. Such trials would take longer and require more participants if conducted in the United States than in countries with a higher inci-dence of HIV, the panel said.

More than 90 percent of AIDS cases occur in Third

World countries. The two most widely tested vaccines currently available are derived from a protein, known as gp 120, on the surface of HIV that attaches to a human cell, an early step of infection. The two leading contenders are made by Biocine in Emeryville, California, a joint venture of the Chiron Corp., the Ciba-Geigy Corp. and Genentech

To help develop consent pro-cesses for AIDS vaccine experithe son of a Cincinnati truck ments, the health organization convened a group of sociologists to design studies to determine how well people understand the concepts.

Quayle Is Hospitalized With Blood Clot

Williamsburg for his own day of politicking.

INDIANAPOLIS - Another likely candidate for the 1996 presidential nomination, former Vice President Dan Quayle. was in stable condition Tuesday with a blood clot in one lung.

the rest in the planning process - Senator Phil Gramm of

Texas and Lamar Alexander, the former governor of Tennes-

see. Both have already put in place their campaign teams and

Mr. Gramm, a strict fiscal conservative and advocate of

smaller government, last week announced he would deposit

S5 million into his presidential war chest on Jan. 1. The

money is left over from Mr. Gramm's 1990 Senate campaign.

Mr. Alexander has hired a leading Republican image maker, Michael Murphy, to run his publicity, and Dan Perot, the former chief of staff for Governor John Engler of Michi-

gan, to run his campaign.

Little known outside Republican circles. Mr. Alexander is

being taken increasingly seriously within the party. Last

week, he was the only prospective candidate to spend three

days at a Republican governors' meeting in Williamsburg.

When Mr. Gramm learned of this, he rushed down to

Mr. Quayle, 47, was admitted to University Hospital here late Monday after experiencing shortness of breath at home, a hospital spokeswoman said. He was diagnosed with walking pneumonia Sunday at the hospital's emergency room. Doctors believe he will recover completely, but he is expected to remain in the hospital for about a week, the spokesman

New York Governor-Elect Mends Fences

NEW YORK — Looking a shade sunburned from his Florida trip, Governor-Elect George Pataki has opened his first line of communication with New York City, assuring eight top officials that the campaign's bitterness was behind him and that the city would not be neglected under his administration.

On Tuesday, Mr. Pataki met in secret with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who, feeling the sting of Mr. Pataki's rebuffs after the election, refused to attend the previous day's meet-

Mr. Pataki told the group that he bore no grudge against a mayor and a city that did not vote for him.

California Ruling Aims at Smear Attacks

SAN FRANCISCO - In a ruling that could limit lastminute "smear attacks" during campaigns, the California Supreme Court ruled that political candidates and their campaign committees must identify themselves in mailers sent to voters.

In a unanimous decision, the court upheld the constitutionality of a state political reform law that requires such disclosure in mailings of more than 200 advertisements in a calendar month by a candidate or committee.

Quote/Unquote

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, on the votes in Congress on GATT this week: "If it should fail, U.S. leadership would be lost, he said. "Every other country is watching us.

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 The Supreme Court upheld the federal ban on distribution of child pornography, saying it meets constitutional free speech standards. Ruling 7 to 2 in a California case, the court said it interpreted the law to require proof that defendants knew the material involved a sexual performance by someone under 18. A baby born on an airplane last week remained in critical but stable condition at Reston Hospital Center in Virginia as his parents began a week of media interviews. Matthew Dulles de Bara has been taken off a ventilator, which had helped him breathe since he was born two months prematurely.

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wisconsin -An inmate at the maximumsecurity Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage, Wisconsin, was being held in solitary confinement Tuesday in the death of Jeffrey Dahmer, who had admitted killing, mutilating and sometimes cannibalizing 17 young men and boys.

Scarver, was also suspected of critically injuring another man. a murderer from Milwaukee, authorities said.

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thor of "Forest Canopies,"

soon to be published by Ac-

when they co-starred in "Butch Cassidy and the Sun-dance Kid" in 1969 and did it again with "The Sting" in 1973. They still hope to make a third hit together. "We've been looking for a script we want to do for 20

years, and we've never been able to find one," Mr. Newman said this week. His latest film, to be released Christmas Day, is "No-body's Fool." Newman plays a ne'er-do-well construction worker who rents a room from Jessica Tandy, in what proved to be her last screen role.

Tennessee Williams's mother supposedly incarnated the self-dramatizing Amanda Wingfield in his first hit play, "The Glass Menagerie," in 1944. Self-The New York Times, John Maxtone-Graham, stage manager for one of Williams's later plays, "Night of the Iguana," recounts an anecdote told by Bill Gould. one of the original stage managers of "Menagerie." Shortly after it opened in Chicago, Williams came backstage to alert the cast that his mother was coming up from St. Louis to see the play. Williams was "aghast at how she might react to Laurette Taylor's devastating portrayal of, patently, herself. Following that Saturday's matinee, the play wright's mother came backstage, all smiles and bangs,' Mr. Gould recalls, "and congratulated the company effusively," wondering aloud where "my clever son gets his ideas for these extraordinary characters." For

"whatever her other short-

comings, the playwright's mother was wise enough to

put a bold face on things."

- International Herald Tribune



Carrying a toy gun, Mr. Rubin arrived at a U.S. House committee hearing in October 1968, to be a witness into an inquiry on disorder at the Democratic National Convention.

Jerry Rubin, Firebrand '60s Radical And Co-Leader of Yippies, Dies at 56

NEW YORK - Jerry Rubin, 56, the firebrand 1960s radical who used to preach distrust of "anyone over 30," died of cardiac arrest Monday in Los Ange-

Mr. Rubin was struck by a car on Nov. 15 in Los Angeles. He underwent surgery that day and subsequently was listed in critical condition.

Mr. Rubin was a bearded standard-bearer of the New Left in the 1960s who helped carve himself a niche in American radical history with energetic protest gestures, though his views and style changed in subsequent decades.

Looking back years later, he called himself one of "the anticapitalistic comics of the 1960s" who used street theater to pursue "the radical dream of transforming the system from outside."

In 1967, he campaigned to elect a pig as president the United States and dropped dollar bills onto the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Earlier in the 1960s, be became a fervent opponent of the war in

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the Yippies. The trial resulted in Mr. Rubin's and his six co-defendants'

The trial produced some of the most bizarre courtroom scenes in American jurisprudence. It was raucous and rowdy, punctuated by the defendant Abbie Hoffman's taunting of the iron-willed judge, Julius

being acquitted of conspiracy, but he and four of the others were found guilty of crossing state borders with the intent of inciting a riot. Later, those conconvictions were overturned. Mr. Rubin's book "Growing (Up) at 37" came out in 1976,

by which time he had become clean-shaven." In 1978, Mr. Rubin, who was driver turned union official, was married to Mimi Leonard, who worked for ABC-TV in

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Near the End in Bosnia

'Not Much You Can Do'

What can the next Senate majority leader possibly have in mind when he calls on the European allies to stop blocking a full-fledged air assault on Bosnia's Serbs? Has Senator Bob Dole forgotten that successive American administrations have declined to pay the "entry price" — putting American peacekeeping forces on the ground — that would let Washington write strategy? Mr. Dole would like to punish the Serbs. Many would. To make it more than a feel-good gesture, however, requires the consent of those countries whose soldiers would then be exposed to Serbian retaliation. In turn, those countries would have to be persuaded, against the grim logic to the contrary, that bombing or lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia could somehow reverse Serbian gains and alter the outcome of the war.

In fact, Mr. Dole knows all this perfectly well. He so conceded by saying on Sunday that the war in Bosnia has "almost run its course." At this point, he said, there is "not much you can do." This is the dismal reality that Secretary of Defense William Perry also recognizes.

It was not the goal of either the Bush or the Clinton administrations, Mr. Perry said, to affect the outcome of the war, but

Lean on Serbia Now

The Bosnian city of Bihac is supposedly under United Nations and NATO protection, but by now it is probably too late to save it by military means. Differing European and American agendas and a divided command structure requiring both NATO and UN approval ruled out a timely and effective use of air power, although even that might not have been sufficient to turn back the Serbian assault.

Fearing a divisive rift in NATO, the Clinton administration has dropped its calls for more aggressive bombing, bowing once again to Europe's preference for letting the Serbs batter Bosnia into a negotiated settlement. There is talk of rewarding Serbian military gains by redrawing the proposed peace map in their favor.

Sparing NATO further damage makes sense. But if diplomacy is to be the focus. Washington needs to lead the way to a more tough-minded diplomatic approach. Stopping the Serbs by military force may now be impossible. Rewarding them only invites further offensives against civilian centers. Instead, Serbia's president. Slobodan Milosevic, has to be told that the Croatian Serb units that have tipped the military balance in Bihac must immediately pull back across the international border they have violated. Pro-government forces were pushing back Serbian lines around Bihac a few weeks ago, before Croatian Serb units joined the fighting.

Julike me bosnian Serbs with whom Mr. Milosevic has allegedly broken, the Croatian Serbs still respond to Belgrade's wishes. Mr. Milosevic should be put on notice that unless his Croatian Serb allies withdraw immediately, Serbia will be held responsible and further relief from UN sanctions will be blocked, if necessary by a U.S. veto.

The reasons why the world's most pow-

merely to limit to the extent possible its violence and its spread. This has been done - not well, but done. Was it an insufficient and ignoble goal? Without a doubt. But it is also a goal that represents a political consensus and that has been supported for a couple of years, tacitly if not out loud, by most people, including many who now find their stomach churn-

ing as they view the cadavers.
The United States and the Europeans and the structures through which they worked, the United Nations and NATO, will be objects of shame in future years for their failure to help provide a soft landing to Yugoslavia as it disintegrated, and especially for their particular failure to protect multiethnic and therefore especially vulnerable Bosnia. The implicit premise of the arms embargo that the company of nations imposed on the combatants was that the chief victim, Bosnia, having been denied adequate means of self-defense, would be sheltered by others. A common weakness and myopia

aborted delivery on this promise. You can tell that it is, in the minds and hopes of most of the actors, near the end of the day. A wretched negotiating cover is being put on the residual hostilities, and recriminations are in full swing.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

erful alliance could not halt the Serbian drive on Bihac were more political than military. Air power, for example, might have been used, not just against Croatian airfields but also against Serbian aircraft and the artillery moving on Bihac.

Britain and France have always been more sympathetic to the Serbs than Washington has been. The Serbs were their allies in two world wars. London and Paris have also refused to treat the mostly Muslim government as an innocent victim of aggression and have tried to discourage it from fighting on to regain lost territory. Perhaps allowing the Serbian counteroffensive to proceed seemed a useful way to press this point.

Explanations like the onset of darkness or problems in coordinating with UN forces should be viewed as no more than convenient excuses for not using air power more decisively. The UN commander, Sir Michael Rose, is a British officer acting in complete accord with London's policies.

The hard reality is that Britain and France, along with Russia, effectively reject the use of force against the Serbs and base their entire diplomatic strategy on cooperating with Mr. Milosevic. Although Serbia's president was the original architect and crucial sponsor of the war, he claims to have broken with his Bosnian Serb protégés and to support the latest international peace plan. For this he is being rewarded with phased relief from the economic sanctions that the United Nations imposed because of his

support for aggression. But the role of the Croatian Serbs in the Bihac offensive calls Mr. Milosevic's goodwill into question. Perhaps he feels obliged to provide at least indirect help to the Bosnian Serbs when they suffer battlefield reverses. But in that case, he is not entitled

to any further relief from sanctions. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Norwegians Stand Off

Tip a reluctant hat to the Norwegians. There is a Churchill-in-1940 dash of defiance — "Very well: alone!" — in their decision to stay out of the European Union. Yet this week's vote is a pity, both for the Union and for the Norwegians themselves.

It is a pity for the rest of Europe because a European Union which should soon embrace virtually the whole of democratic Europe needs a country like Norway. One of the challenges of the Union's enlargement is to create a European constitution neither over-bureaucratized nor a smotherer of the national differences that make up the pattern of Europe. The Norwegians would have helped to steer that argument the right way. They are passionate democrats; they have a keen sense of national identity; they are an outward-looking people. The confederal future that Europe

needs would have had their backing. But this week's vote is also a pity for the Norwegians themselves. Not for economic reasons: Norway can survive outside the Union, because it will still enjoy the freetrading benefits of belonging to the looser European Economic Area. It is rich in gas and oil. It can go on super-cosseting its farmers and fishermen. The real damage Norway may have done to itself is politicopsychological. It has withdrawn to the margins of Europe, without the arguments

for self-marginalization that the other small countries of the fringe can deploy.

Iceland and Greenland can afford to stay outside. By doing so, the Icelanders

keep a grip on a huge fishing area around their coast; the Greenlanders keep the subsidy they get from Denmark; and nei-ther has to submit itself to peering eyes from Brussels. More important, Iceland and Greenland are inhabitants of the mid-Atlantic. Their connections are as much with America as with Europe. The Norwegians will feel their separation from Europe more keenly. Nor can Norway claim the reason of-

fered by Switzerland, the other chief

standout. The Swiss system of direct democracy, which puts all major decisions to the people themselves, is hard to square with the machinery of the European Union; a directive from Brussels is unlikely to wait upon the slow examination of a Swiss referendum. The Swiss do not wish to endanger their special way of running a country. The rest of Europe, which seems to be increasingly restless with the way its politicians work, also has an interest in keeping Swiss direct democracy alive; it may one day wish to move that way itself. These places apart, Europe has finished the first stage of its post-Cold War reconstruction. The second stage takes it eastward, into the new democracies emerging from the wreckage of communism. The European Union's leaders, who meet in Essen at the end of next week, are still in a tangle about how to meet their eastern responsibility. The Poles and Czechs and Hungarians, and the people of the Baltic countries, deserve a speedier embrace.

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Extending NATO Eastward Would Be a Grave Error

NEW YORK — At this week's meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels, the Clinton administration is planning to push the alliance to be-

gin the process of extending security guarantees to the new democracies of Central Europe. Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary are the most vocal in pressing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to fulfill its promise to admit new members.

Visiting Warsaw in July, President Bill Clinton said the Part-nership for Peace, NATO'S program of military cooperation with its former adversaries, would lead to an expansion of NATO, and added that it was "no longer a question of whether, but when and how." If all goes according to plan, America should brace itself for new defense commitments in Europe.

The Parmership for Peace is an important, first step toward building a new security order and integrating the new democracies into the West. But expanding NATO would be a grave strategic error.

Security guarantees for Central Europe's new democracies would consolidate reform in the region, make it clear to Russian nationalists that their former satellites were off limits, and give Germany a strategic buffer to the east — all desirable goals. But pushing NATO's boundaries eastward promises to resurrect Europe's dividing lines, not erase them.

Regardless of the alliance's efforts to reassure Moscow of its benign intentions and to strengthen the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which includes NATO and the former Soviet bloc, enlarging the alliance would alter the balance of power on the continent and make Russia feel less secure.

The problem is that NATO is still a military alliance that concentrates power against an external threat. (This is precisely why the Central Europeans want to join.) An expanded NATO would lead Russia to reassert control over its former republics and to remilitarize. The chance to build a European security community that included Russia would be lost. The West might By Charles A. Kupchan

be larger and stronger, but Europe would again be divided into hostile halves

As Sergei Karaganov, an adviser to President Boris Yeltsin, recently wrote, if "NATO expands eastward. Russia under any government will become a revisionist power striving to undermine the already fragile European order."

NATO expansion would undermine democratic reformers in countries excluded from membership. Even if NATO held open the prospect of eventual membership for Russia, nationalists would react to Central Europe's entry into NATO by charging that Russian reformers had sold out to the West and had jeopardized Russia's security.

Exclusion from an enlarged NATO would similarly weaken pro-Western forces in Ukraine and other former Soviet repub-lics. Finding themselves outside the West's new defense perime-ter, they would look to Moscow to meet their security needs.
Expanding NATO makes

sense only if Russia again poses a military threat to Central Europe. To act now might give the Poles and their neighbors a boost, but by alienating the Russians and undercutting reformers NATO would set in motion a self-fulfilling prophecy.

There is no need to take that

risk when Central Europe does not currently face a serious external threat and NATO can always expand later. Since it would take Russia years to rebuild an army that could invade and occupy Central Europe, NATO would have ample time to extend its protective umbrella eastward.

Domestic support for expan-

sion presents a further problem. With the Cold War over, countries are focusing on domestic priorities. The willingness of electorates to sustain foreign commitments is contracting not expand-ing. Despite Republican control of the U.S. Congress, military spending in America and Europe is likely to continue declining. It would cost NATO countries billions to prepare for the defense of Central Europe's new democracies, a prospect so daunting that the Pentagon itself is reluctant to proceed with NATO expansion. These constraints make it

hard to imagine that legislatures

in all 16 NATO countries would approve the extension of new security guarantees to Central Europe. For the U.S. Senate or the British Parliament to reject, say, Poland's bid for membership would be a crushing blow.

In the absence of a unifying threat, opening NATO to new members with diverse national interests would also crode the cohesion and military effectiveness of the alliance. Since the prospects for stable democracy in Russia are still uncertain, it is too soon to so dilute Europe's only robust security institution.

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Bosnia's Cause Is Lost and So, Probably, Is NATO

WASHINGTON—How many divisions does the Pope have? That question, supposedly posed by Stalin, finally has a definitive answer: about as many as the United Nations. Or NATO. Both organizations have become militarily ineffective in Bosnia, which is where, at the moment, a terrible war is being fought. The defiant Serbs must now await NATO and the United Nations' ultimate weapon: a Christmas

nessage, calling for peace. NATO was created to keep your average Soviet soldier out of Western Europe and Germany, not Serbs out of Bosnia. It was not constituted to fight a war on behalf of the Muslims of Yugoslavia, and no amount of moral anguish (however sincere) is going to change matters.

To your average bloke in Liverpool or demoiselle in Lyon, Sarajevo is a long way away: not the center of Europe, as some would have it, but in the darkest Balkans. In

other words, not worth anyone's life. For America, the Balkans are even farther removed. A country that feared the loss of even a single soldier in Haiti, whose refugees from a vile dictatorship were turning up on American beaches, is not about to send ground troops to help the Bosnian Muslims.

That prospect, in fact, is so farfetched that it is not even under discussion. By the time the president — in, say, a television address — got finished talking about Serbs. Muslims, Croats. Montenegrins, Albanians, Macedonians and, for good measure, the historical importance of Kosovo, most of the audience would switch to reruns of Clinton administration who hint that

By Richard Cohen

The Simpsons." That is the harsh reality. Two other harsh realities are worth noting. The first is that the Serbs are intent on creating "Greater Serbia." This is not just the dream of "thugs" and "goons," as Serbian nationalists are sometimes called in the West, but a deeply felt nationalistic passion - no matter how weird and, in some ways, medieval. The only way to stop that from happening is to put in troops and fix bayonets. Even then, when those troops are with-

drawn the Serbs would resume their effort. The other harsh reality is that bombing will not do the trick. The Clinton administration has been told that time and time again by the Pentagon, as was the Bush administration before it. This war can be

won only on the ground. Any volunteers?

Of course not. So let's stop asking more of the United Nations or NATO than America or Western Europe and Russia is willing to provide. Let us, in short, use what diplomatic leverage the so-called "contact countries" have left to get the Muslims to agree to a painful truce that would, of course, mean the loss of much territory.

That is not fair and it is not right, but the Muslims have lost the war. So said Defense Secretary William Perry.

The Bosnian Muslims have yet to come to terms with their apparent defeat. Who can blame them? But blame can be leveled at American politicians and some in the something can be done to help the Mus-lims. This is sheer blather, language that may do nothing more than prolong the fighting. In fact, it was the Muslim attempt to regain territory around Bihac that pro-

voked the recent lighting there.
As for the United Nations, the contempt being heaped on it in some quarters is un-warranted. It has not been able to stop the war and it has certainly not been able to coerce the Serbs, but through its peacekeeping troops and its humanitarian aid program it has saved countless lives and imposed a rudimentary civility. Serbian concentration camps seem to be gone.

That might not seem like much, but then you and I have never been in one of those places. In fact, it will take the United Nations (who else?) to ensure that those camps are not reopened.

World opinion can matter. Before the United Nations is trashed, it behooves its critics to come up with something better — or to improve the United Nations. Cutting back on its funding (\$1.3 billion from America) is hardly going to make it more effective. Depriving it of the 986 million American dollars that goes to peacekeeping is not

going to make Bosnia any safer.

NATO is a different story. It sorely needs a common enemy, and there is no use pretending that the Serbs can fill that role. Bosnia is lost and so, probably, is NATO. Only a renewed Russian menace can save it - truly a case of the cure being worse than

The Washington Post,

Cross-Border 'Growth Triangles' Promote Prosperity in East Asia

MANILA — In Europe there are focal points for economic growth within nations, th as northern Italy or Wales In East Asia, zones of economic cooperation that straddle national boundaries are making a major contribution to growth and sta-

bility in the region.

Often called "growth triangles," such zones exploit complementarities between geographically con-tiguous areas of different countries to gain a competitive edge in production for export.

The growth triangle concept has taken hold because it is a controlled experiment in regional cooperation whose adverse effects, if any, can be limited to the triangle, but whose beneficial results can subsequently be applied to the national economy as a whole. It offers the benefits of regional integration without great loss of economic sovereignty.

The initiative of regional statesmen in starting up crossborder growth poles has been crucial. And the first requirement for the success of these economic alliances is the political commitment of national leaders. In East Asia, growth triangles are as much instruments of foreign policy and national security as they are in-

By Fidel V. Ramos The writer is president of the Philippines. struments of economic policy.

For instance, the growth pole linking Singapore, the southern Malaysian state of Johore and the Riau Archipelago in Indonesia apparently took off only after President Suharto agreed to allow 100 percent foreign ownership of factories on Indonesia's Batam Island, There have been teething problems. But the arrangement has worked well enough to encourage other growth triangles in Southeast Asia.

One, agreed to initially by Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia and President Suharto of Indonesia, will link Penang and other parts of northern Malaysia with southern Thailand and Sumatra in Indonesia.

The more recent East ASEAN Growth Area draws together Brunei, the east Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak, Mindanao and Sulu in the southern Philippines and Sulawesi and Manado in Indonesia. In the 18th century, this was a unified trading area led by the maritime state of Sulu. The East ASEAN growth zone, initiated by the Philippines, has changed the entire focus of the relationship between Malaysia and the Philippines from political to economic. Once Prime Minister Mahathir and I, with the support of President Suharto, agreed to set aside the contentious issue of [the Philippines' claim to part of Sabah and allow the expansion of economic relations even while we worked at the problem's amicable resolution, trade and investment between our two countries began to expand dramatically.

Another East Asian growth zone linking parts of Burma, Laos, Thailand and China is also taking shape, with some help from the Asian Development Bank.

The "mother" of all growth triangles in East Asia radiates from Hong Kong and Taiwan to the southern China coastal provinces of Guangdong and Fujian. It has had a great influence on the region's political stability in the last 15 years.

The southern China-Hong Kong-Taiwan growth pole began with Deng Xiaoping's vision of substituting economic development for class warfare as the

foreign eolainm ogy on a large scale began with Mr. Deng's decision to normalize relations with the United States and then with Japan - and also to thin out the Chinese forces that had been massed on the coast opposite Taiwan for 30 years.

These diplomatic and military preparations were completed in December 1978, only 17 months after Mr. Deng's third reinstatement to political power. He then proposed setting up "special economic zones" in which foreign investment would be allowed on concessionary terms. The rest is history, which even the Tiananmen massacre of 1989 could not disrupt.

The growth triangles in East Asia differ from national exportprocessing zones because they can exploit economies of scale and integrate the comparative advantage of every member country. They are export zones with the synergy that comes from mixing various corporate cultures and resource endowments.

The exchange is straightforward. Investing countries provide capital, technology and management skills. Receiving countries provide land, other natural resources and labor. both skilled and unskilled.

Investments in the growth tri-angles come largely from the East Asian region itself — from newly industrialized economies such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea, and from Japan, which is scrambling to relocate its labor-intensive manufacturing offshore to lower-wage economies under the pressure of the rising yen. The greatest benefits necessar-

ily accrue to the most industrialmature partner. But even the

highest order of business in post- poorest partner gains in practi-Mao China. The mainland's leap cal terms as a result of job generto modernization by importing ation, skills development, technology transfer and of industrial discipline in the local work force. Radiations from the growth pole catalyze development in other sectors of the

larger national economy. For Singapore and Malaysia, growth triangles are a way of sustaining the competitiveness of their exports despite rising wages and increasing shortages of land and workers. For Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, and eventually for Vietnam, they are a means of speeding up development, creating jobs and im-

porting technology.
All East Asian countries now regard regional cooperation as a means not just of enhancing their development but of ensuring themselves against unhealthy changes in the world's economic climate. Growth triangles are an easily organized way of protecting themselves against trade blocs in the developed countries, without committing prematurely to the allor-nothing venture of setting up formal trade blocs of their own.

In this sense, growth triangles are actually miniature versions of the trading blocs that have formed in Western Europe and North America. Flexible, low-cost, fasttrack, uncomplicated and well-focused, they can be started quickly and with little fuss. Formal trading blocs need gestation periods

stretching over many years.

Growth triangles require no changes in national concepts of sovereignty, administration or national preferences. They do not completely engage national prestige because they require no elab-orate political commitments to neighboring states. Governments can enter into them with minimum political risks.

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1894: A Triple Alliance? PARIS - (The Herald says in an

editorial: In view of the rap-prochement between England and Russia, about which so much has been heard lately, is it not worth while to ask whether such an entente would not lead to the formation of a triple alliance between England, France and Russia, through the medium of Russia who is such a good friend of France? This new triple alliance would be the union of three strong nations. They would constitute the best possible guarantee of peace - not only in Europe, but also in Asia and Africa.

1919: Senator Indicted

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan ---[From our New York edition:] Truman H. Newberry, United States Senator from Michigan, was indicted by a United States Grand

Jury today [Nov. 29] for corrup-tion, fraud and conspiracy in con-nection with the election by which he obtained his seat in the Senate, defeating Henry Ford, his Democratic opponent. Government of-ficials asserted that the testimony presented to the Grand Jury had revealed a political scandal that in many respects was without parallel in American annals.

1944: Socialism Applied PARIS - [From our New York

edition: The French government, by nationalizing the coal mines of northeastern France, has embarked upon an experiment in democratic socialism which, if it succeeds, will serve as a model for other French industries and probably for other European nations. It will also - if it is successful provide a demonstration that revolutionary socialism is not the only

Some Poor Families Need Child Labor Third World government with THACA, New York — Some-By Kaushik Basu

L thing like 100 million children worldwide work as laborers, 98 percent of them in poor countries. Many, if not most, work for long hours and minuscule wages. This tragic phenomenon is being used as a club with which to beat the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which the U.S. Congress is considering this week.

In a separate measure, some lawmakers have proposed banning the importing of goods pro-duced using the labor of children under 15. GATT includes no such restrictions, although it might take up the issue in the future. The effort to ban child labor has

the support of many well-meaning people and groups, but it is based on deeply flawed premises. First, its inspiration is clearly protectionist. An early version of the bill reads: "Adult workers in the United States and other developed countries should not have their jobs imperiled by im-

ports produced by child labor in developing countries." The current version, which is far more polished, omits that sen-tence. But even if the bill's sponsors are motivated solely by concern for children, their logic does not stand up. To seek the abolition of child labor is to claim that we are more concerned about the well-being of the child than are the child's parents.

While some parents in every

country are callous and abusive,

it is patronizing in the extreme to

suppose that the cause of mass

child labor in so many poor countries is lack of parental concern. Few parents would send their children to work unless they were driven to it by poverty and hunger. While child labor should be illegal where it is aberrant, as it is in rich countries, it needs a different antidote where it is a

mass phenomenon. In those countries, the right way to battle the problem is to improve opportunities for the poor — to provide not just free education, for example, but in-centives (such as free meals in school) to make sure that the poor

take advantage of it. Such measures can be described as collaborative, since they rely on choice — unlike a ban, which overrides individual choice.

Of course, it can be argued that a U.S. ban on tainted imports would compel Third World governments to adopt collaborative measures to minimize child labor. The current version of the child labor bill does talk, if briefly. about the need to support prima-ry education, rehabilitation and other efforts.

But this provision is clearly an afterthought. It did not appear in the earlier version, and there is no indication how it would be carried out. More important, it puts too much faith in governments' capacity to do what is best for children.

chronic fiscal problems, when confronted by a ban on the export of products made with child labor, will do exactly what the U.S. bill proposes: ban child labor.

And that would be an unmiti-

gated disaster for most families that send their children to work. Some time ago in New Delhi. we had a 13-year-old, Lalita, who came to work in our house mornings and evenings. After a couple of weeks, in an effort to banish child labor from our household, we gave her notice and offered to pay her a little not to work. Lalita came back the next morn

ing with her father. A bedraggled man, he was a rickshaw puller, It was immediately evident that he loved his child. He begged us to take her back because the family would perish otherwise. We decided to listen to him. I cannot hope to change the minds of those who seek a ban on child labor simply to protect their

of a genuine concern for the welfare of children, common sense dictates that an outright prohibition is the wrong way to go. While we must make every effort to make child labor unneces-

own profits. But for the larger

number who support the bill out

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alternative to Fascism in Europe.

By Brent Staples

Holocaust? Was it fascism, ushelitism its most public airing yet in
elitism its most public airing yet in ered in by the collapse of the Weimar Republic? Was it that Germanic fixation on racial superiority and "purity"? Or was it the Enlightenment and hose dirty rotten idealists Hobbes.

Rousseau, Franklin and Jefferson? Blame the Enlightenment and you have chosen the right villain — at least in the eyes of the late Leo Strauss, the political philosopher who held court at the University of Chicago through the 1950s and '60s. Mr. Strauss's students had to gasp when he said that Hitler had sprung

full blown from the Enlightenment

The precepts of the Enlightenment are under daily assault.

presumptions that all people were created equal and that society was better governed by reason than by slavish devotion to tradition. He contended that the philosopher kings (himself included) were born to rule, servants were born to serve, and only disaster came of letting the rabble get above its station. He was unapologetically elitist and anti-democratic. His ideas have survived him and crept into vogue in American polítics.

Those ideas were carried forth mainly by writers, economists and jurists who were schooled at Chicago. The economist Thomas Sowell, for example, quotes Mr. Strauss almost verbatim when he argues that social problems are "unsolvable" and that it is unnatural to try.

Robert Bork, a Nixon henchman during Watergate and a failed candidate for the Supreme Court, also claims Mr. Strauss as an influence. So do I, but in a different sense than my distinguished schoolmates.

I began my doctoral studies at Chicago in 1973, the year of Mr. Strauss's death. Black and poor, the first in the family to graduate from college, I was well aware of my resemblance to his notion of rabble that didn't know its place.

His best-known disciple was the University of Chicago professor Al-

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the mega-selling book "The Closing of the American Mind." The book parrots Mr. Strauss's view that higher education ought to be the prov-ince of the golden few, and likens the student takeovers of the '60s to the sacking of the universities by Hitler's book-burning Brownshirts.

The book offers the vantage point of the philosopher king staring down his nose at the commoners. Its commercial success helped to beget the political correctness hysteria and a stream of tracts best characterized by William A. Henry's "In Defense of Elitism." Elitism hardly needs a champion. With poverty deepening, middle-class in-come stagnant and college tuition spiraling out of reach, class barriers are doing just fine on their own.

Mr. Strauss appealed to the conservative elite because he viewed the status quo as an expression of divine will. He appealed to college professors because he cast them romantically, as frontline warriors battling barbarism. He appealed to political ideologues because he provided "wedge issues" that pit the electorate against itself, specifically, the privileged against the poor. Conservative think tanks flocked to the party. Their enthusiasms have paid off. The precepts of the Enlightenment that Mr. Strauss so heartily despised are under daily assault. The notion of a permanent "underclass" that is beneath democratic grace is one example. The idea that some Americans are less entitled to opportunity for 'genetic' reasons is another.

The way Americans now talk about crime is the most troublesome of all. Once it was taken as common sense that good influences transformed wayward children into good citizens. These days it is just as common to hear it asserted that prison and the death penalty are the only crime prevention. Lurking here is the presumption that criminals are born, not made. Why not fry them at the outset, before they break the law?

This dark view of human potential is poised to become a central

feature of America's social policy. One antidote is fresh and frequent reading of the Declaration of Independence, the Enlightenment's most profound document, the place where rule by a privileged elite was resoundingly rejected and the worth of even the lowest born was asserted as a matter of national principle. In brutal times like these, that commitment cries out to be reaffirmed.

The New York Times.



Pathetic Messages for the Thieves

N EW YORK — The Manhattan neighborhood along Fifth Ave-nue in the 90s is called Carnegie Hill because Andrew Carnegie and a lot along 94th. Steve Brill, famous now of folks like him once lived up there, overlooking the Central Park Reser-court TV, said: "Do you know voir. The running track around the what 'The Club' is?" reservoir has just been renamed for

MEANWHILE

bors included Robert Redford and counted 23 out of 44. Besides that, William Shawn, the editor of The more than a dozen of the cars along New Yorker. But it was too rich for our blood. And too quiet. If I want- ing inside, attached to alarm sysed to overlook a lake and trees, I'd tems of some sort - guaranteeing

New York being what it is, the area just north and east of the hill has been called The DMZ—that's that every week or so, locals could go without sleep while the damned things wailed through the night.

Pathetic! More pathetic were the after the demilitarized zones be-tween North and South Korea and, them saying just "No Radio." One once, between North and South said: "No Radio. Nothing in Car." the far side, and the people who run Radio. Nothing in Trunk. Nothing around the reservoir do not walk in Glove Box. Look for Yourself." among those towers, some of them built when Mrs. Onassis's first husband was president.

92d and 93d. Walking back to Fifth I got a call from the desk sergeant in

By Richard Reeves

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. One of lock onto a steering wheel to make the great hospitals in the world, it that much more difficult for Mount Sinai, is at 98th Street, and thieves to get your BMW or Lexus, which seemed to be the cars of choice in the neighborhood.
"I'll bet you," Mr. Brill said, "that

some of the fancier private schools in the city are along 96th. A nice place.
We lived there, at Fifth and 95th, in the early 1980s and our neighout metals and "Another one!" We 94th Street had little red lights flash-

Vietnam. There is public housing on My favorite, on a Saab. said: "No

My own experience in these things includes just two thefts — of the same car. When I lived on West We were back there the other 11th Street in Greenwich Village, night, having dinner with friends at my old Volkswagen was stolen one a neighborhood restaurant called day, never to be seen again, or so cookies and milk would have on Madison Avenue between I thought Amazingly, a month later a great country or what?

a precinct on the Upper West Side o-saying the police had found the car nt

under the West Side Highway. I said I'd come to the station ehouse, but he said the car was still a-under the highway. Police reported to stolen cars and that was it. When I m

Of course. The red bar that you got uptown it was gone. Stolen again. As law and order breaks down, that much more difficult for government breaks up. While police by are reporting a 12 percent crime real duction on the Upper East Side — ne which may mean that deductibles r. are higher and people don't bother ig to report theft unless they need evi-dence for insurance paperwork— is the largest landlord in the area is v-

promoting a private security plan. ty
Douglas Elliman Co. wants the
city to collect \$100 to \$200 a year from people who live between 59th li-Street and 96th, from Fifth Avenue to the East River. From 350 to 500 er private security guards would then be hired to supplement the 52 real cops assigned to that beat.

On 94th Street, they already have private guards at night, paid for by tent block association. In these monitors the quarters, many other streets have same protection against the night, of a Nothing seems to work too well, pe

but who knows? We'll try anything. "The Club," private armies, welfare d reform, more prisons, nice notes for te literate thieves, leaving \$20 on a ta- > ble for the junkies, as we used to do x in the Village. Maybe putting out accookies and milk would help. Is this

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Now for Bosnia?

المكذا من الاعل

Regarding "Prevent a Return to All-Out War in Ex-Yugoslavia" (Opinion, Nov. 16) by Adam Rob-erts, John Chipman, Philip H. Gordon and Mais Berdal:

The authors are right to remind us that wars may appear static but are not, and that the international community needs to rethink its policies in former Yugoslavia. They are also correct in observing that it is a really difficult task now to choose between too much passivity and too much activity.

But to suggest that the way out of the Balkan quagmire could be in a double confederation scheme and that the borders of Bosnia should eventually be redrawn will not prevent a return to all-out war. The suggestion is similar to those entertained by local nationalist leaders and their press even before the war in Bosnia. It displays the weaknesses of the policy of limiting the damage combined with the policy of

appeasement, the basis of the socalled realpolitik in the Balkans. The drive for power of Serbia's Communist leader, now its presi-

dent, has underlined the question of who will fill the power vacuum left by the disintegration of the 75-yearold state of Yugoslavia. The breakup of the country in the summer of 1992 brought the war for a new territorial distribution and new frontiers. Since then, the reshaping of national interests and ethnic borders has been in progress with

tragic consequences.
The democracies claimed that one of the tools to contain the conflict was a speedy recognition of the new states, including Bosnia-Herzegovi-na. The chief local instigators of the war continued to act by using a combination of military action and the diplomatic tactics of confusing and confronting everybody, expecting that no one would thwart their ambition to create new frontiers.

The rift in NATO is widening. Radovan Karadzie continues to

send a clear message about the fatal and France of appearing the Serbs. end of NATO. The elaborate buck- That those same "safe areas" are passing between trans-Atlantic al- used by Bosnian government forces lies over leadership in crisis contain- as springboards for precipitating ment in the Balkans might thus end retaliatory action by the Serbs es-in failure to defend many values and capes Mr. Lewis. Progress toward principles of democracies, including peace will be possible only when the the principle that only peaceful and international community, and the

In the meantime, Bosnia remains in the central theater of the whole of the former Yugoslavia. The proposition to redraw its borders may result in the division of the whole of former Yugoslavia into a western and an eastern part. Is it really attractive for Europe to seek a post-Cold War balance by replacing one Berlin wall with another?

NEBOJSA DIMITRIJEVIC.

Anthony Lewis ("Unchecked Aggression in Europe Endangers the Opinion, Nov. 22) writes about attacks by Serbian forces on "safe areas" and accuses Britain

negotiated change of borders in Europe is acceptable.

Americans in particular, start an evenhanded application of the rules. evenhanded application of the rules.

VLADA VJESTICA. Oxford, England.

Latter-Day Guardians

Bob Dole, Jesse Helms and other born-again guardians of the U.S. Constitution have served notice that President Bill Clinton's foreign policy had better suit the Sen-ate, or else. Well, when Ronald Reagan's private vendetta against a tiny leftist democracy was curbed by Congress, and he and his agents carried on illegally, where did Dole, Helms & Co. stand?

And where did these "statesmen"

stand on the Cambodian incursion. Grenada, the arming of Saddam Hussein, the timing of George Bush's Somalia adventure?

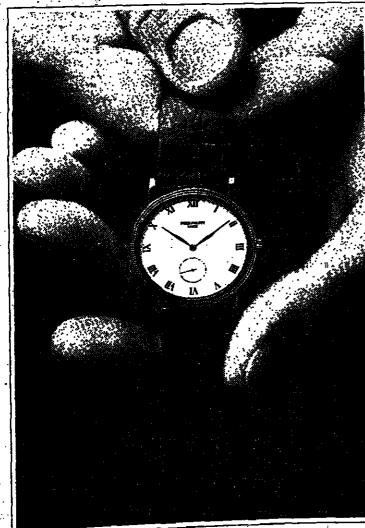
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Piety and Politics

In response to the report "School Prayer Issue: Conservatives Wary" (Nov. 21) by Catherine S. Manegold:

Prayer in schools? As a Republican ploy it might have helped get votes, but as a panacea for moral decline it is certainly doomed to failure. Why isn't anyone worried about the decline in the intellectual discernment of the American voter? The televangelists Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker spent half their lives praying, yet no one can convince me that their "morals" are better than anyone else's.

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The Vote Won in Parliament, Major Chastises Party Rebels

By Richard W. Stevenson
New York Times Service

LONDON - A day after using a political bludgeon to beat back opposition from within his own Conservative Party to win a parliamentary vote on which he had staked his leadership, Prime Minister John Major on Tuesday confronted the fallout from his tactics, including a technical loss of his majority in the House of Commons.

Making good on his promise to punish any Conservatives who failed to support the government in Monday night's vote on increasing funding to the European Union, Mr. Major effectively suspended from the party eight rebel Tories who ab-

The decision not to join was especially regretted in Britain

and Germany, where govern-

ment officials were looking for-

ward to an unbroken line of

new recruits seen as affluent

supporters of free trade and less

inclined to require agricultural

Both Chancellor Helmut

Kohl and Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany ex-

pressed disappointment at the

decision, with Mr. Kohl point-

edly adding that "the door to

the European Union remains open to Norway despite this

In Britain, where the govern-

ing Conservative Party is so badly split over the EU that a

bill to increase budgetary con-

tributions to it fomented a

back-bench rebellion on Mon-

day, diplomats regarded Nor-

way as a like-minded country

that could be an ally when it

came to refusing to relinquish

"Certainly there was an un-

derlying assumption that this

swing northwards would have

brought in people who tend to

think like us," said a British

No countries appeared sad-

der at the referendum's out-

come than Norway's Nordic

neighbors. Had Norway joined,

then the three peninsula coun-

tries and Denmark, which be-

came a member 22 years ago,

might have formed a powerful

minibloc with 13 out of 90 votes

representing a total population

to cooperation with Norway on surprising.

of 23 million.

sovereignty to Brussels.

of the Union's budget.

seats, but cannot participate in party business and are threatened with being replaced as the party's candidates in the next election.

The actions reduced the number of recognized Conservatives in the House of Commons to 322, with the combined opposition parties plus the suspended Tories totaling 324.

The practical effects are limited because the rebels would support the government on most matters and because Mr. Major usually has the support of smaller parties such as the Unionists from Northern Ireland, who have 10 seats. Mr. Major's office said he would proceed with business, and the government went ahead Tuesday with its scheduled unveiling stained. The eight rebels kept their of its budget proposals for next year.

rangement with the Union.

the Arctic by Russia.

stream Europe.

soure, said: "The Norwegian

people are running the risk of living next to a huge economic

group without having a say in its running." A British Labor member of the European Par-

But with the Conservatives trailing the Labor Party and its new leader, Tony Blair, by more than 30 points in recent polls, the episode underscored the difficulty Mr. Major faces in holding his own party together after 15 years in power. And it left him vulnerable on other issues on which there is unhappiness within Conservative ranks with government policy, such as planned increases in the tax

on home heating fuel. The Conservatives do not have to call a general election until 1997. But there were continuing if so far unsuc-cessful efforts Tuesday by disgrun-tled Tories to mount a leadership challenge to Mr. Major and replace him as prime minister with another Conservative - the same way in

which Margaret Thatcher was top- 330 to 303 an amendment to the bill pled four years ago and replaced by Mr. Major. Under party rules, the then won approval of the bill itself by rebels have until noon Wednesday to a vote of 329 to 44, with most Labor collect 34 signatures from Conservative members of Parliament to force al dozen Conservatives had exa leadership election.

Faced with festering discontent on his back benches from Conservatives who feel his policies toward Europe risk Britain's sovereignty and waste taxpayer money, Mr. Major had said he would resign and call a general election if the party did not unite behind him and vote on Monday in favor of the legislation increasing Britain's contribution to the Europe-an Union by £1.1 billion, or \$1.7 billion, over the next five years. In the end, Mr. Major defeated by

by the opposition Labor Party, and able to limit the defections from his own ranks to seven abstentions on the first vote and eight on the second. but only after making his promise to

Far from putting the split in the Conservative Party behind him, as Mr. Major had clearly hoped to do. the maneuvering of the last several days appears to have hardened the opposition to Mr. Major's leader-

members abstaining. Although severessed reservations, Mr. Major was suspend party recognition from those who failed to fall into line.

By Michael R. Gordon had advised the Bosnian government not to launch an offenhad rejected that advice. None-Tuesday that if Bihac falls, Cro-theless, he said Croatia would come to the Muslims' defense. Defense Minister Gojko Su-

Croatia Warns U.S. *

It Will Enter War

If Serbs Take Bihac

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Croatia's defense minister warned the Clinton administration on atia will enter the war against the Serbs.

sak said that Zagreb considered intervening in the fighting near Bihac and in Krajina 10 days ago but was pressured by the Americans not to join the war.

Following a meeting at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary William J. Perry, Mr. Susak said in an interview that Croatia had made a mistake by listening to the Americans and would not make that mistake

The Clinton administration has sought to prevent the war in Bosnia from spreading, and in the meeting Tuesday, Mr. Perry urged Croatia not to join the

Mr. Susak said that 3,000 to 5,000 Croatian Serbs had joined 10,000 Bosnian Serbs in assaulting Bihac. Taking all of Bihac, he said, would involve difficult house-to-house fighting and he said the Muslims could

Mr. Susak said that Croatia

sive out of Bihac, but that the Muslim military commanders not only to defend Bihac but to deal a blow to the breakaway

Croatian Serbs. He said that he thought the Bosnian government forces could hold their own in central Bosnia and predicted that the diplomatic efforts would fail and that the fighting would go on indefinitely.

■ Supplies Short in Bihac

The UN-designated "safe area" of Bihac is crammed with thousands of refugees, short of food and water and without gas and electricity, news agencies

reported.
"The authorities in Bihac state the town is now becoming overpopulated with an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 refugees from the surrounding towns, said Colonel Jan-Dirk von Merveldt, a UN spokesman in Sara-

The fighting around the town of Bihac increased again Tuesday afternoon following a lull. (Reuters, AP)

DOLE: Adding Fuel to NATO Feud

gress over an issue that is rapidly eroding the foundations of

the trans-Atlantic alliance. Mr. Dole insisted that he and other Republican legislators were determined to pursue the harder option once the new Congress was installed in January, even if that would again raise the specter of a bruising clash with the allies and the administration.

urged the allies to support a kan war. proposal to lift the arms embarany Serb attacks with punishing

He also disapproved of any concessions to the Serbs as an U.S.-backed peace plan that "But the debate is certainly would roughly split Bosnia's coming with the new Congress territory between the Serbs and in January, and the vote will a federation of Muslims and

now. Do we wait another year and see another 100,000 dead?" headquarters of an alliance that, he said over the weekend,

Mr. Dole said he disagreed with Mr. Perry's assessment that the war may already have been won by the Serbs and lamented the way in which NATO appeared to be "subordinated" to the United Nations in the Bosnian conflict.

He suggested that the out-come could have been radically different if NATO had been freed from the constraints of working under a "dual key ap-proach" that requires UN approval for every military action.

"If you list all of the military actions by NATO on a blackboard, it would not be a very important challenge of adaptlong list," he said. "They are ing it to the post Cold War era.

probably irrelevant to the Bosnian conflict. We've had pinpricks, not robust air strikes.' Mr. Dole suggested that the

most helpful thing the European allies could do at this stage would be to consider pulling out their troops from the region as a prelude to lifting the arms The allies have warned that

such a policy would produce a disastrous regional war that could threaten Europe's stabil-He expressed dismay with ity, and Mr. Dole himself al-the softening of Mr. Clinton's lowed that it may not lead to a position since last year, when he satisfactory solution to the Bal-

"At least 90 nations in the go and shield the Muslims from United Nations have expressed a willingness to help Bosnia," Mr. Dole said, referring to a lifting of the arms embargo.
Will that help resolve the conenticement to sign up for a flict? I don't know," he said. "But the debate is certainly

take place. Mr. Dole's stature and pow-"I think the last thing we erful new position has proneed is another change of the pelled him to the front ranks of U.S. position on Bosnia," he contenders for the 1996 Repub-We are prepared to work lican presidential nomination. with the allies, but I don't see a As a result, he was accorded solution with the way things are red-carpet treatment at the

> "complete breakdown. He met with the NATO sec retary-general, Willy Claes; the chief NATO military commander, George Joulwan; the permanent representatives of the 16 member nations; and the ambassadors of new partners from the former Warsaw Pact, including Russia's envoy, Vitali I. Churkin.

While noting serious differences over Bosnia, the Republi-can leader emphasized his continuing support for the trans-Atlantic alliance and the



French UN soldiers repairing the Princip Bridge in Sarajevo Tuesday, near the spot where Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in 1914 by the Serbian nationalist for whom the bridge is named. The event touched off World War I.

DEFY: U.S. Gives In to Idea of Letting Bosnian Serbs Link With Belgrade

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liament, Pauline Greene, said that "Norway has voted for icecurb aggression on their own bound isolation from maincontinent, have found it tempting to use Washington as a But the overall reaction was that the referendum results criticize the Clinton administra-ing the administration line up were unfortunate but not a dev-"I had been looking forward astating blow and certainly not

hope to Bosnia's Muslim-led vacillation that crumbles under strikes could not halt the Serbs, government that it could bene- domestic pressures. government that it could bene-lit from military escalation. domestic pressures. Describing "a

Now the Europeans, while scapegoat. Those governments gratified at the prospect of seetion for failing to provide better more closely behind their views, leadership in Congress, which has constantly has held out the out to be another White House

Describing "a defeatist

mood" among allied govern-ments, a NATO official said that the key goal now was salvaging enough face-saving unity to preserve the alliance's future - including a NATO plan to rescue United Nations peacekeeping troops if they

have to leave Bosnia. At this juncture, a Western policymaker said, allied governments want "a policy fix to get to winter, when the weather prevents any major military of-

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is scheduled to fly to Brussels to present the new U.S. views to the allies and to Russia.

And President Bill Clinton will meet President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia next week at a summit meeting of European

Whatever the fallout on NATO and trans-Atlantic co-operation, the American public made it particularly tempting to operation, the American public and Congress will certainly vent lash out publicly at Washing-their frustration on the United ton, even though U.S. military Nations for hamstringing NA-TO's air power in Bosnia.

The overall U.S. policy shift, foreshadowed last weekend when Mr. Perry said that air ers.

officials' refusal to let allied pilots knock out surface-to-air missile installations protecting targets.

Under UN rules, NATO can hit missiles after they have been fired but cannot eliminate them in advance, a situation that U.S. commanders say puts pilots at unacceptable risk. Even if a new peace package

offers better prospects of a respite in Serbian military pressure in Bosnia, it seems unlikely to change the long-term ambitions of Bosnia's Muslims or their supporters in the United In Europe, too, splits over

Bosnian policy have been widening. Despite government objections, Germany's ruling Christian Democrats offered thinly veiled backing Monday for lifting the arms embargo on Bosnían Muslims. In France, acute tensions

assistance would be indispensable in rescuing French troops if there were an emergency evacuation of UN peacekeep-

THREAT: Yeltsin Gives Chechens 2 Days to Halt War

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fight off the move aggressively. Since 1991, Russia has confined itself, officially, to political ma-neuvering to isolate and pressure the recalcitrant region. In the last six months. Russia has increased the pressure on Mr. Dudayev by severing all eco-nomic links and publicly backing armed opposition groups attempting to overthrow him. It has also beefed up the number of Russian troops on Chech- ly identified as Russian.

nya's borders. On Tuesday, there were some bombing raids on Grozny that Mr. Dudayev's backers said were executed by Russian aircraft

Mr. Dudayev and his backers have accused Russia of intentionally stirring things up so it can justify military interven-

indeed, at least some of the 70 captured fighters now being held in Chechnya were positive-

Several mothers of these soldiers appealed Monday to the Russian Parliament to save their sons.

"They are not volunteers for the opposition," the mothers wrote in a telegram to the Parliament. "The government and the defense minister refuse to admit that the Russian Army is involved in the conflict in Chechnya. We pray that you will save our sons and our



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Republican, has been working to pass the agreement.

On Monday, the administration lost two resumed supporters of the pact in the Senate.

Senators Max Baucus, Democrat of Montana, and Hank Brown, Republican of Colorado, said they would oppose GATT because of concerns that the World Trade Organization, which would be created to referee trade disputes, would infringe on U.S. sovereignty.

Mr. Baucus, the chairman of the Senate Finance subcommittee on trade, had supported GATT in committee. But GATT supporters said that despite

his defection, they were continuing to pick up backing and were confident the agreement would pass. Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of

Texas, who has criticized the GATT bill for including too many nontrade measures, said Tuesday that he would support waiving Senate budget rules to get the bill passed.

Mr. Gramm is a leader among conservative Republicans and a likely presidential candidate, and his support was hailed by the White House as critical to shoring up Senate support for the agreement.

GATT: With House Passage Expected, Focus on Trade Pact Turns to Senate

Mr. Gramm's decision was especially significant because he said he would vote yes on the most critical issue — a waiver of the Senate's budget rules, which requires the votes of 60 of the 100 senators. Some advocates of the trade pact had

feared that Mr. Gramm might declare his support for the agreement but vote against the budget waiver. And they feared that other conservative senators might follow that lead. Such a position could have provided some political cover, while possibly killing the agreement.

The budget waiver is necessary because the trade agreement calls for deep reductions in import tariffs - potentially reducing federal revenues by \$30 billion to \$40 billion over 10 years. Despite that, the Clinton administration has not proposed offsetting tax and revenue increases to finance those cuts, meaning that the budget deficit would be allowed to grow in violation of the current budget rules.

The pact will cut tariffs by an average of 38 percent worldwide and expands the rules of world trade into such new areas as agriculture, services and the protection of copyrights and patents. The World Trade said one administration aide, Organization it creates would eliminate

the power of any one country to block an adverse trade ruling.

The incoming leader of the Senate's new Republican majority, Bob Dole of Kansas, announced his support of the accord after the administration promised that a panel of five retired judges would review WTO

However, Mr. Dole, attending a NATO meeting in Brussels, was not around Monday to push for the accord as Mr. Brown, a moderate Republican free-trade advocate,

announced his opposition. Administration officials said they believed they would easily achieve the 218 votes needed for passage in the House. Most observers had said that the Senate would provide the toughest test for the trade agreement because of the budget

As Mr. Clinton telephoned senators to line up their support, some administration officials remained worried that, under pressure from opponents, some senators might try to delay the vote until next year.

Such a move, they argued, could kill the "We can't take anything for granted."



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Mr. Rabin with General Ilan Biran at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, where 29 Muslims were killed in February. gust on the pretext that it had

For 2d Day, Gaza Police Seize Newspapers

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — In a show

of muscle against newspapers that displeased him, the Palestinian police chief ordered their distributors arrested and cargoes seized Tuesday for the second day in a row as they tried to Post was also seized. enter the autonomous Gaza

Strip. On Monday and Tuesday, all those arrested were released after six or seven hours and then permitted to sell their Jerusalem-based newspapers in Gaza. But editors and independent analysts said the display of force — and especially its repe-tition — had the unmistakable aim of muzzling unfavorable re-

The intimidation tactic renewed questions raised last summer about the Palestinian Authority's commitment to free expression. In comparison to most of its Arab neighbors, however, the self-rule government has been fairly tolerant of published dissent.

The Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, and the still more radical Islamic Jihad, for example, each have licenses to publish their own weekly newspapers in Gaza.

But one of the newspapers seized this week, the pro-Jordanian An Nahar, was banned Menahem Kahama/Agenice France-Presse from Gaza in late July and Au-

newspapers stopped this week, cartoon depicting General Jathe daily Al Quds and weekly ed as supporters of Yasser Ara- "Newspapers can't be distribut-English-language Jerusalem suit our mood."

brief interview Tuesday night that the delays were "due to bad

weather." The Monday edition of Al Quds carried a long interview with the Hamas leader, Mahmoud Zohar, in which he was highly critical of Mr. Arafat's self-rule government and declared it "a crime" to attempt to

On Tuesday, Al Quds report-

BRUSSELS - The World

Bank signed an accord with

authorities, in a show of donor

"This is a very important

Yasser Arafat on Tuesday for a

\$58 million credit to Palestinian chairman.

Palestinians Get Bank Credit

commitment to rebuilding the make sure that people on the former Israeli-occupied territo- ground reaped the benefits of

milestone on the road to reconhours before major donors were struction and bringing relief due to meet in Brussels to dis-and support to the Palestinian people." Caio Koch-Weseer, World Bank vice president for ians.

not obtained a permit for sale. ed Monday's seizures on its else in the world, even more Two other Arabic-language front page and ran a back-page bali with scissors and rubber Al Manar, are generally regard- stamp and a sign reading. fat, the Palestinian leader. The ed in Gaza because they don't

On the bookshelf beside him don." He said he did not wish to Gaza's police chief, Brigadier in the cartoon are two titles. General Ghazi Jabali, said in a "Guide to Handcuffing" and "Your Fingerprint Today."

An Nahar, by contrast, sought to avoid a confrontation. "They stopped it for a few hours only and they passed it." said Issa Ibrahim of the newspaper's advertising department.

economic aid, but Palestinian In a long conversation in his office on Saturday, General Jabali said the fledgling Palestinian Authority gave its critics "more freedom than anywhere sent.

rican region, said at a Brussels

news conference with the Pales-

tine Liberation Organization

It was important, he said, to

The agreement was signed

the peace process.

observers suggested that his highly centralized self-rule government would not take any significant step without his con-"All orders are coming di-rectly from the chairman," said Ghassam Khatib, a former member of Mr. Arafat's negoti-

than the United States."

General Jabali accused Iran of controlling the Islamic oppo-sition and said the government

in Tehran would arrest a critic

like Mr. Zohar and "either exe-

cute him or exile him to Lon-

deprive opponents of freedom

but said "the freedom should be

It seemed doubtful to many

analysts, even so, that General

Jabali would move against the

newspapers on his own. Mr. Arafat is in Brussels seeking

organized."

body dares to do that except In Israel, the government spokesman, Uri Dromi, said the conflict showed the "signs of a

ating team. "I don't think any-

young authority trying to cope with a free press.

Mr. Arafat, Mr. Dromi said. would be unsuccessful if he tried "to impose on these people, who have been exposed for too long to the Israeli democra-

End of Syrian Arms Embargo Meant as Aid to Peace, EU Says

BRUSSELS — The Europe- of its support for terrorism. an Union's lifting of its arms embargo of Syria was a political step designed to bolster the meetings with Yasser Arafat, that there would be more jobs Middle East peace process and the Palestinian leader, and EU in the West Bank. was not expected to lead to officials, said it was a "mistaken quick resumption of sales, EU officials said Tuesday.

"Nobody intends really, neither on the Syrian side nor on the EU side, to begin the trading of arms," a German official

The lifting of the embargo, imposed in 1986, was decided by EU diplomats last week and announced formally here late he wanted to create greater sep-Monday at a meeting of EU aration between Israel and the foreign ministers and Foreign Palestinians in the West Bank

offered assistance to Syria un- point, The Associated Press reder its new Mediterranean de- ported from Hebron, in the ocvelopment policy in return for cupied West Bank. participation in the peace proparticipation in the peace pro-

Shimon Peres, the Israeli for-

What should be lifted is the embargo on negotiations, not the embargo on arms," Mr. Peres said.

■ Rabin Seeks Separation Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel said Tuesday that Minister Farouk Shara of Syria. and Gaza, but would not up-EU officials said the Union root Jewish settlements at this

cess by Damascus and the end ration," Mr. Rabin said at a press conference. He stressed that Israel was seeking aid for eign minister, in Brussels for the Palestinian Authority so

"Then we will not face heavy decision" to lift the embargo pressure to give permission to before Syria opened peace tens of thousands of Palestinians to come work in Israel." he

The prime minister was heckled by Jewish settlers during a 10-minute inspection tour of the Tomb of the Patriarchs, site of the massacre of 29 Muslim worshipers by a Jewish settler in February.

Mr. Rabin said it would be difficult to withdraw soldiers from Hebron before Palestinian elections. Under the Israel-PLO agreement, the troops are to pull out of major population centers before the elections. which are expected soon.

Cairo Mobilizes Public Works to Counter Militants

By Chris Hedges
New York Times Service

CAIRO - Sheikh Mohammed Ali. a militant Islamic leader, sat in a dimly lighted room in a second-floor apartment and thumbed through a stack of letters.

"This woman got divorced," he said, holding up a sheet of old white wrapping paper with labored Arabic script. "Her father and brothers have disowned her. She wants money to get married again. We will give her \$75." The six men seated in the room

nodded in agreement, and the group moved on to the next request. More than the militant movement's fiery words and promise of change, such scenes have given the militants broad appeal among Egypt's huge underclass. And it is such scenes that the government, in a new program to win

A few blocks from where the sheikh held court, women and children stood patiently in line outside the beige walls of a new government medical

over the poor, has begun to combat

center. A prominent sign on the wall read, "In the name of God the Beneficent, the Merciful." Patients pay 15

cents for medical and dental care. The clinic is part of a nationwide effort to meet the needs of citizens living in areas of militant activity. Here in the Imbaba slum, the effort also includes miles of newly paved roads, a new sewer system, more garbage collection, a vegetable market, a youth center, three new bus lines, improved electrical service and water

The government has invested more than \$10 million in the slum and will spend more than \$200 million in other poor neighborhoods and villages this year. Overall, Cairo says, it will spend \$1.5 billion on slums, poor villages and shantytowns over the next three to five years.

"This is a political war, not a reli-gious war," said Abdel Rehim Shehata, the governor of Giza, the governorate that includes much of Cairo. "Religion is used as a banner by the terrorists to exploit those suffering from poverty and unemployment, to exploit those living in filth or those who cannot get their children into

The government's response to the recent flash flood and fire from an oil explosion that killed hundreds in southern Egypt showed the importance it now places on helping the

After an earthquake rocked Cairo in 1992, government workers failed to appear for days, and Islamic charities provided much of the relief. But such charities were banned from the area of the flood and fire, and the government sent in senior officials to supervise relief efforts.

Since underground Islamic groups began their campaign to topple the government in 1992, more than 460 people, mostly militants and policemen, have been killed.

"This is just another attempt by the government to steal money." Sheikh Ali said. "Local officials just pocket the money. They have paved a few roads, but what about the sewers?

Whatever they do, we will always control Imbaba."

The I million people of Imbaba, crammed into tottering, mud-walled buildings and narrow dirt alleys, once harbored this city's most violent mili-

Gangs of militants armed with knives and clubs roamed the slum, attacking Christians, burning video shops, forcing people to hand over money and assaulting women who did not cover their heads. There were many parts of the slum that policemen feared to enter after dark.

But police sweeps, coupled with the government aid, have forced the militants to retreat. Terrorist attacks have decreased, and the new social services have won the government a few con-

"After the government crackdown on the militant groups, they came in and built us a hospital and a youth center," said Rabe Sayid Ahmed, 20, a truck driver. "It came as a big surprise to us that the government started to



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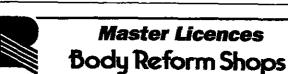
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Peter Greenaway's 'Rosa': A Film Opera or an Opera Film?

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

MSTERDAM - Perhaps the most surprising thing about Peter Greenaway's first foray into opera is that he has not been there before.

His training as a painter, the visual extravagance of his movies, his interest in music and his delight in experimentation all seemed to be leading him in this

"My cinema has become more and more operatic as I have dabbled with the English tradition of pseudo-realism and notions of truth," the British film director explained, "Finally, I thought, why not push the boat out all the way and see what I could do operatically with this?'

He had no trouble coming up with an original and typically macabre tale, and after two years of collaboration with Louis Andriessen, the Dutch Minimalist composer, he has created "Rosa: A Horse Drama," which has promptly become the most talked about opera of the new season in Europe.

That the lead soprano performs naked is, of course, enough to stir comment. But what makes the opera most unusual, many critics say, is how, having allowed music and theater to influence his movies, the 52-year-old director has now brought cinematic techniques to the stage. "It's a film opera or an opera film," he said in an interview.

In it, Greenaway uses movie screens and high-tech staging and lighting to recount the story of Juan Manuel de Rosa, a composer of music for American

Westerns whose greatest love is his horse. Esmeralda, his much-abused fiancée, vies for his attention by splashing her naked body with black paint and imper-

sonating a mare. As so often in his movies, the director has also come up with spectacular visual effects. Set in an abattoir in Fray Bentos, Uruguay, peopled by workers wearing only blood-stained white aprons, the opera reaches a climax with Rosa's murder by two cowboys firing from the screen of a Western movie as Rosa tries to escape on a model horse walking on a treadmill.

With carcasses of cattle hanging in the background like sentinels of death, Esmeralda then marries Rosa's corpse, which is placed on a small crucifix on his dead horse's back. And after Esmeralda enters the disemboweled body of the horse, all three go up in flames that sweep Valhalla-like across a transparent screen that covers the stage.

For filmgoers who have seen Greenaway's "The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover," "Prospero's Books" or "The Baby of Macon," the opera's peculiarly formal treatment of sex, cruelty and humiliation may seem familiar. Audiences at Amsterdam's Muzeiktheater this month, though, at times seemed stunned if not actually shocked.

The end of the 100-minute opera was often greeted at first with silence and then with enthusiastic applause sprinkled with a few boos. But the Netherlands Opera production has also been a sell-out, and it has drawn music critics from all over. Its run of 10 performances ended Monday.

The response of European reviewers has been generally good, and almost

without exception they have applauded Andriessen's loudly amplified music performed by the combined Asko and Schoenberg Ensembles under the direction of Reinbert de Leeuw.

There has also been much praise for the performances of the Australian baritone Lyndon Terracini as Rosa, of the Dutch soprano Miranda van Kralingen as the storyteller-turned-investigator and above all of the Australian soprano Marie Angel who, as Esmer-alda, spends most of the time on stage

REENAWAY, of course, never apologizes for disturb-ing his audiences. In this case, he said, he is merely giving a new twist to the familiar theme of victimized operatic heroines. "In traditional operas, it all happens at a distance, somehow sanitized," he explained. 'Here sexual politics are out in the open. It's a way of taking an old medium and putting it up against the new vocabulary of the streets and cinema."

Certainly, Angel, who belongs to the Opera Factory company in Britain, sees the sexual violence and humiliation suffered by Esmeralda as a form of denunciation. "Taking your clothes off on stage shouldn't be shocking," she said of her role. "But we should be shocked by what happens to Esmeralda."

Greenaway also plays with the notion of truth by creating the fiction that "Rosa" is the reconstruction of a real event: specifically, that in 1957 Juan Manuel de Rosa became the sixth of 10 composers who, between Anton Webern in Austria in 1945 and John Lennon in New York in 1980, were murdered under mysterious circumstances.

In this case, the opera begins with five coffins being brought onstage to symbolize the five composers who died before Rosa and it ends with the investigator presenting 10 clues that were common to the first six murders.

"The first and last victims are known," Andriessen said with a smile. "Peter would like you to believe the others exist-

Andriessen, who first worked with Greenaway in 1991 on a television film called "M Is for Man, Music and Mozart," recalled that he had once asked the director to explain all the sex, vio-lence, rape and blood that he portrays. "'I follow my nose,' he told me." the composer said. But now Andriessen has his own explanation. "It may seem to be about sex and blood, but above all it is very intellectual, very symbolic," he

Whether cerebral or theatrical, Greenaway even plays a final trick on the audience. After the final curtain, a rap singer, the American Phyllis Blanford, suddenly appears on a balcony to sing an index to the opera that is projected onto a huge screen. Some people leave, some people stay and for 20 minutes Blanford belts out her definitions from "abattoir" to "zigzag."

Greenaway has now headed off to Japan to shoot his next film, "The Pillow Book," his version of a classical Japanese story in which, he said, "a contemporary courtesan enjoys having her body written on by her lovers." In this way, he added, carnality and literature are juxta-



Van Kralingen, left, and Angel in "Rosa: A Horse Drama.

Small Is Better in 2 New Musicals

By Sheridan Morley mational Herald Tribune

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ONDON - There are two new musicals this week of wildly different aspect and intention, but going to prove that small is beautiful and big can be horrendous. At the King's Head, "Stairway to Heaven" is a mini-staging based on "A Matter of Life and Death," the Powell-Pressburger movie classic in which David Niven went on trial for his life after a heavenly angel had somehow failed to scoop him up from a wartime crash.

The film was an often unwieldy debate about the afterlife and the relative merits of love and living, but from it two young composers, Tom Morgan and Kevin Metchear, have with their director, Dan Crawford, crafted a small-scale musical of tremendous period charm, complete with new songs that sound as though they were writnumbers, "Everyone's a Fool in Love" and "What Keeps Dreamers Awake," make one ache for the cast recording, but most importantly the show keeps the King's Head flag flying for the kind of musicals we are always told they don't write like that any more.

"Out of the Blue" (Shaftesbury) is also set against a World War II backdrop, but

that is the only link. Not so much "Miss kins is wonderfully touching, though the Saigon" as "Miss Shogun," this one is a age gap here with Adam Warren's Owen breathtakingly bizarre sing-along about the emotional and clinical fallout of the Nagasaki atomic bomb.

With casting not so much nontraditional as nonsensical, so that a black actress plays the daughter of a Japanese nurse and a wailing dead of Tokyo — heroic, stoic, manic"), it is hard to understand how "Out of the Blue" ever got to a first readthrough, let alone a first night. It will soon I fear be "Into the Red," a terrible warning to any-one who believes that Boublil-Schonberg shows are easy to echo even when you haven't got a halfway adequate story line.

At the newly fitted Jermyn Street Theatre, a welcome revival of Stephen Macdonald's "Not About Heroes," the play about Wilfrid Owen and Siegfried Sassoon World War I and derived from their own poetry and letters of the period. Essentially a "Journey's End" set back from the trenches, it remains a clenched and ineffably English love story about two men who could never quite face up to their own passion or the death that was to claim Owen just a week before Armistice. In Nick Ellsworth's production, Basil Hosseems a little too wide.

And finally, on the National's Cottesloe stage, another welcome return: Harold Pinter's "Landscape" of 1969, about the mysterious retainers in a long-deserted country house, totally wrapped in their white American doctor, songs that never individual and conflicting memories of quite seem to get to their main melody and other lives. Ian Holm and Penelope Wilton a deadly solemnity about the lyrics ("The are definitive. Seen again for the first time

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in 20 years, the much-advertized Pinter mystery does seem to be, as he always said it was, a little less mysterious. Clearly these two people are married, and clearly the wife has been unfaithful to him at least in spirit. Holm excels at internal exile, and Wilton at unspoken emotional agony. As a team, they reflect, better than any other, Pinter's concerns with the trickery of memory and the nature of servitude, both strong themes of the movies he was writing around the time of "Landscape."

His production, originally for the Gate in Dublin, has tremendous authority and a kind of musical power, as though the whole piece had been written as a sonata instead of a duologue.

'Reigen': Vienna in the Round

By David Stevens tional Herald Tribune

ARIS - Arthur Schnitzler's "Reigen" had nothing but trouble from censors, morals police and scandalized audiences until the fed-up author made the play off limits for theaters as long as it was not in the public domain. It still is not frequently done. But almost 20 years after Schnitzler's death and 50 years after he first published it privately, it became a classic of French cinema as "La Ronde," by Max Ophüls, and now it has become an opera that looks like a winner.

"Reigen," the opera, by the Belgian composer Philippe Boesmans, set to a li-bretto by Luc Bondy, had its first performances last spring in Brussels, where it was revived this month before coming to Paris for three enthusiastically received performances at the Châtelet under the wing of the Festival d'Automne.

society in the days of Habsburgian decline, ironic and cynical, yet, under their elegant surface, with a detached sympathy for his characters.

"Reigen" is a tour de force, a round dance of sexual promiscuity and social facade. Each of its 10 scenes is a sexual encounter from which one partner goes on to the next scene with a new partner. It begins with the Soldier and the Prostitute and goes up and down the social ladder, ending with the Count and the Prostitute, and with a scene of the Young Woman and the Husband as the centerpiece. Unspoken but implicit is the one thing they all share (Schnitzler was a doctor, after all).

Bondy, who staged the opera, has shrewdly adapted the play, sticking close to the original text (the work is sung in German), making judicious cuts, but also making clever additions. Thus, an anonymous couple sing of undying love while the



Pollet and Hamilton in "Reigen."

Soldier brutally "makes love" to the Chambermaid. Schnitzler's Actress becomes a Singer, opening the way to some operatic in-jokes. (The Poet tells the Singer that she has the public at her feet, "But only when I sing in old-fashioned operas,"

Each scene's climactic moment, so to speak, is wordless in the text, but becomes an orchestral interlude in Boesmans' score, of which the funniest is the Handelian fanfare that signals the Young Man's suc-

cess after a disappointing first try.
In all, it is a shrewd operatic adaptation, and the composer has grabbed the ball and run with it. Boesmans uses his big orchestra with great flexibility and a rich sense of color, giving each scene its own particular atmosphere. The music is eclectic yet somehow quite personal, and above all singable. This should appeal to any opera house that wants to expand its contempo-

rary repertory.

The 10 roles are about equal in length, although some are more equal than others. The work builds to its natural peak in the meeting of the Count, almost unhinged by timidity and good fortune, and the extravagant Singer, and Françoise Pollet and Dale Duesing played the scene over the top (in Duesing's case the top being a falsetto as secure as his true baritone).

Patrick Davin conducted with mastery of the score and his musical forces. Solveig Kringelborn (Young Woman), Deborah Raymond (Prostitute). Franz-Ferdinand Nentwig (Husband) and Ronald Hamilton (Poet) were impressive singing actors, but there were no weak spots in a cast of 10 good roles and no weak ones. Another innovation of Bondy's was the

invention of a silent character — played and choreographed by Lucinda Childs who was sometimes a real, androgynous person, a waiter or cleaning woman, and sometimes a phantom presence, there but unseen. The idea was not always convincing, but Childs was always elegant about it. Erich Wonder's sets were little masterpieces, takeoffs on Viennese interiors, en-

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out here to trace the history of urban life using a familiar but, at the same time, surprising yardstick: the human body. Sennett proposes to examine the evolution of cities according to people's bodily experiences, that is, as he puts it, "how wom-en and men moved, what they

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"The Fall of Public Man," sets love in cities from ancient Athens to modern New York." This is a tall order. Rather than providing a comprehensive

history, Sennett has written what is, in effect, a series of essays. He has chosen to describe particular cities at particular times, including Athens in the time of Pericles, Hadrian's Rome, Renais-sance Venice, Paris during the Revolution, Edwardian London, contemporary New York City. This successfully conveys the fla-vor of urban life at different times, and also permits the author to indulge in explorations of a wide range of ancillary subjects like homoerotic relations in ancient Greece, the contrasting ar-2 THE BELL CURVE, by Richard J. Herrastein and Charles chitecture of the Acropolis and the Pantheon, the Venetian in-COUPLEHOOD, by Paul vention of the Jewish ghetto, the 3 COUPLEHOOD, by Psul Reiser 3
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the social revolution inangurated by the London Underground. "Flesh and Stone" is a fascinating excursion with an erudite guide. Sennett writes with intelligence and grace although he has the academic's irritating habit of incessantly quoting secondary sources, which interrupts his narrative to no good end; one wishes, instead, to have heard more of his own clear, compelling voice. It is a voice that brings the past to life -particularly in the part of the book that deals with Athens and Rome - and convincingly describes the way in which these very different cultures experienced city life: Athens

through the eye. In an engaging chapter on E. M. Forster's London, Sennett discusses the evolution of comfort and its impact not only on seating furniture but also on cates and pubs, railroad car-

through rhetoric and Rome

riages and private rooms. What does this have to do with the city? A great deal, it turns out. As buildings became more comfortable, they also became more self-contained and separated from the public spaces outside technologies such as electric lighting, mechanical ventilation and elevators saw to that. And comfort affected streets in another way, turning them into chiefly places of rapid and effi-

If the author's prognosis is bleak, it is because the theme that finally emerges is one of cities as places of tension and contradiction. The industrial, modern city transformed a sense of place into mere space which could be more conveniently subdivided, sold and economically exploited. According to Sennett, at the center of the city in Westem culture is a series of deeply rooted and unresolved flaws; perhaps it is no surprise that our own cities, likewise, should be far from perfect.

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Welcome to the Mexico Investor. The goal of these pages is to provide readers with some insights into the economic growth and rapid developments that are taking place now in Mexico. President Zedillo's vision of the future is accompanied by interviews with business and government leaders in several key sectors including commerce, finance, telecommunications and infrastructure.

Mexico's New President Looks Ahead

What remains unfinished in the revolution that has taken place in Mexico? What is the job that you will have to do?

The previous administration stabilized the economy and prepared the country for economic growth. Our emphasis will be on microeconomics and productivity within the framework of a highly prudent macroeconomic policy.

Through deregulation and the support of small and medium-size businesses, we must now promote competitiveness and productivity while preserving stability. We will also aim at reducing the inflation rate even further, through a policy of healthy public finances and a prudent monetary policy.

Do you have any goals for your first hundred days in office?

Rather than talk about any specific goals for a determined period of time, I would point out some of the immediate priorities of my future administration.

- Spur growth in the Mexican economy, starting with about a 4% increase in 1995. The challenge is to create one million jobs per year, while maintaining stability.
- Combat extreme poverty. I have proposed the National Poverty Abatement Plan, which will have two tracks: guaranteed access to basic services such as education, health, nutrition and housing to the poorest sectors; and more employment opportunities for the needy.
- Overhaul our justice system. We wish to examine everything—from making sure that the judiciary is really independent to increasing the efficiency and professional capacities of law enforcement institutions, limiting acts of authority, simplifying rules of procedure and providing sufficient legal security for everyone, including investors in Mexico.
- Put democracy in Mexico under a microscope. We want to open the decisionmaking process to the people and create a more productive dialogue between legislative and executive branches.
- Make the PRI fully independent from government and more transparently democratic in the selection of its candidates; a process already under way.

The well-being of the Mexican family has been stated as one of your top priorities. How do you envision the Mexican family gaining from your administration's policies?

The well-being of the Mexican family is in fact the central objective of my economic policy proposal. Until now, the well-being of the population has suffered from a lack of real economic growth and the concentration of wealth. Until very recently, the economy was stagnant and the population was growing, so we were trying to distribute the same size pie among more and more people. We now must make that pie grow faster than the population, so that there is real growth

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Dr. Ernesto Zedilla, President of Mexico

"A better standard of living for the Mexican population depends on economic growth coupled with price stability."

in wages and income.

Concentration of wealth was caused by an import substitution model that, in the long run, favored capital at the expense of labor, and that labor was later hurt once more—again favoring capital—by high inflation. A healthier, open economy with low inflation allows us now to correct that income distribution. One of our most abundant resources is labor. By investing in workers' education and job training, we will boost competitiveness along with wages, and this will create better income distribution.

Hence, economic growth and a better income distribution will lead to higher standards of living for the Mexican family.

Regional economic development is another part of your plan. What do you see as the keys to successful regional development?

First of all, I see regional development as a key element in my National Poverty Abatement Plan. Regional development hinges on what I have called a new federalism and it will be forged out of change—political, social, legal and economic change.

We must experience a profound reallocation of real power, authority, responsibilities and resources from the omnipresent federal government to the state and municipal bodies. By decentralizing the federal government and shifting responsibility for public expenditure and investment funds to state and municipalities, we will be able to better address the individual concerns of each community. The regional development strategy includes: providing credit and saving services through local financial institutions; deregulating at the local level; investing heavily in infrastructure; and communicating regularly

with state and local authorities. In short, we are looking at a transfer of responsibilities, resources and decision-making powers; investment in infrastructure; and promotion of priority regional projects.

I'm sure you are optimistic about the growth of the Mexican economy. What means will be available to encourage foreign investors who want to participate in this growth?

First of all, let me say that I regard private investment as a fundamental engine for permanent economic growth and my administration will give private investment the highest priority. Foreign investment must continue to give complementary support to domestic investment. Foreign investment is allowing us to acquire state-of-the-art technology and links to international trade and production flows.

What approach are you planning to take on the development of infrastructure? Have you set priorities yet?

Along with energy inputs, our priorities will be placed on transportation and telecommunications: on better transportation equipment and on reduced lead times. Promoting private sector participation in highway construction and operation will expand the road network faster.

We need to reshape our railroads both to modernize domestic trade and to improve the productivity of our ports. This will also increase employment in less developed regions of the country.

My proposal also contemplates a prompt modernization of telecommunications and its regulations. We will promote intense competition in this sector in order to achieve better quality, lower prices and increase development according to the country's requirements. The power sector also holds great promise if we take advantage of the new Law of Independent Power Producers. The water sector also holds great investment potential.

Recognizing the need for private investments in infrastructure, I have proposed the creation of a Fund for the Promotion of Investment to trigger greater private sector participation in infrastructure projects. This fund will provide guarantees to investment projects, allowing them to obtain sound financing. It will also invest risk capital temporarily as a complement to private investment. The profits will repay investors.

One final word about infrastructure. I firmly believe that we must work together with the United States on investment in infrastructure and environmental protection along our border. The North American Development Bank should help us in working together in these matters.

Do you have a strategy for developing rural as well as urban economies in Mexico?

Rural development requires both economic and social initiatives. On the economic side my strategy is to increase production and productivity along with income in order to raise the living standards of the Mexican people.

On the social side, we will aim at improving health, nutrition and education.

I intend to guarantee the permanence of the PROCAMPO program for at least 15 years and to increase the direct financial support to the rural worker by almost 30%. We will also redouble our efforts to ensure the right of use of common lands, as well as recognition of deeds on family plots.

I have made a commitment to promote rural infrastructure. We will also create a comprehensive rural training system to help with technical advice, technology transfers and organization using producer organizations, research and advisory firms, state universities and technologic institutes.

We will seek to ease direct transactions between producers and wholesalers by modernizing marketing mechanisms. We will also try to strengthen the production capabilities of producers' organizations and improve infrastructure. We will improve credit flows to rural areas so that they are timely and delivered at competitive rates. Finally, I will fight bureaucracy and centralization through an institutional reform of the agencies that provide services to the rural sector.

Interview by Kate McLeod

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MEXICO: THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

While fiscal discipline remains important, Mexico's future energy will be focused on economic growth.

To date the central theme of Mexican economic policy has been monetary and fiscal discipline, with the primary aim of bringing inflation down to international levels and running a balanced budget. These objectives, to a large extent, have been achieved. Inflation has fallen from triple digits into single figures and should remain relatively low, helped by the recent legislation to make the central bank independent. On the fiscal front, massive deficits have been eliminated. Excluding interest payments, Mexico has been running a surplus budget for several years.

Economic growth: Not a goal, a necessity

The new administration's policy will angle much more toward growth. Until recently, there was little need to worry about the real economy. Stimulated by reform and foreign cash, Mexico grew strongly in the late 1980s and early 1990s. However, the tighter policy, measured in terms of real interest rates, and the real appreciation of the exchange rate resulted in a sharp slowdown in activity. Growth slumped to just 0.4% last year. With the Mexican population expanding by 2% per annum, strong economic growth is an absolute necessity. The fact that 70% of the population is under the age of 25 highlights the need for economic growth and the importance of job creation.

While the new government is unlikely to abandon the current exchange rate policy in favor of a freely floating system, the possibility exists that it will allow a little more flexibility by either widening the current exchange rate bands or contemplating a one-off devaluation. We also anticipate some easing on the fiscal side. A modest budget deficit, on the order of 2-3% of GDP, while leaving the priconvergence of the two countries stalled and speculative pressure could not be contained with higher interest rates.

Improved credit rating

At present, Mexican debt is valued at just below investment grade status. The dramatic decline in inflation, the new-found fiscal responsibility and the government's move to deregulate and free up the economy make a strong case for upgrade. However, it appears that the risk of social and political unrest is the main reason why Mexico has so far failed to reach investment standard.

Mexico may need to experience 12-24 (peaceful) months before a formal revision is considered, in which case Mexican debt could reach national standards. In the past, justification of the high deficit has been rationalized particularly by Mexico's need to expand its productive base through the import of investment goods and by the fact that the country has, in the recent past, been able to attract foreign capital to finance the shortfall on the current account. These justifications may support investor confidence near term, but they are subject to sudden change and therefore

A second concern is the possibility that the new government will reverse the dramatic progress seen over recent years on deregulating the economy, improving the country's underlying economic position and stimulating investment. The social unrest has put pressure on the government to lean toward a more growth-oriented strategy and to relax the tough budget/tight money policy.

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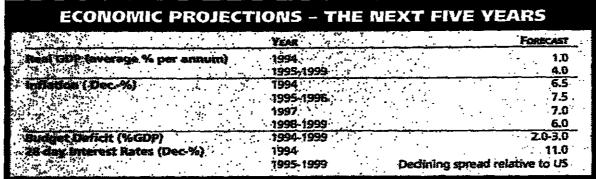
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The Chiapas uprising highlighted the perceived failure to address pressing social issues in a country where impressive strides in macroeconomic reform have been accompanied recently by declining per capita GDP. Therefore, social policy will undoubtedly receive greater emphasis now. However, a complete economic policy about-face seems unlikely. The reform process has simply come too far and achieved too many tangible results for the government to even contemplate such a reversal. Furthermore, the alternative of generating economic growth through accelerated public spending might put Mexico back on the early 1980's debt crisis path.

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mary balance in surplus, would still be consistent with the goal of reducing the public sector debt. The extra spending is likely to be channeled into business and social programs.

On trade grounds, formal linking of the peso to the dollar is likely. The present system, with a fixed ceiling and a depreciating floor for the peso, could be adapted or amended to a fixed upper and lower band, similar in essence to the European exchange rate mechanism. As in Europe, a complete realignment of the exchange rate would be an option in case the

investment status in 1996. Assuming no broad change in economic policy and a social peace, further improvements should be possible over the coming years. The attainment of middle investment grade status would allow Mexico the same access to international funds as that currently enjoyed by Malaysia and Thailand.

What are the risks for Mexico?

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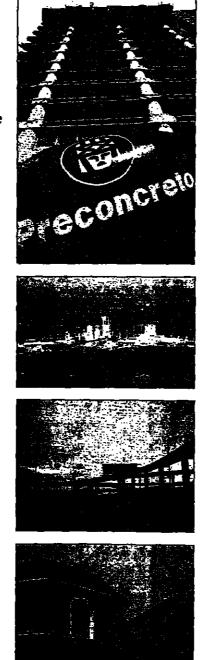
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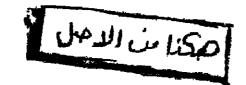
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Arturo Ortiz Hidalgo, Director General of Nafinsa

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According to Jesus Silva Herzog, Mexico's Minister of Tourism, "this is relatively modest compared to the possibilities that tourism holds. I don't think any other sector within the Mexican economy has the capability of generating greater employment, which is one of the challenges we as an underdeveloped country are facing. And no other sector can generate foreign exchange earnings like the tourist industry in Mexico, not only from a quantitative point of view, but in a sustainable way. Right now, we are getting a few billion dollars of capital moving into Mexico, but in ten years time, those financial sources could move to another financial center, which is why tourism can become a much more dependable and sustainable source of foreign exchange earnings in Mexico." This overview is not overly optimistic. In the most important tourist countries in the world, tourism contributes around 3% to the gross national product. So, in the coming years, Herzog predicts that the tourism sector will substantially increase its contribution to the gross national product.

Given the precedents of the past, tourism will be a boon to regional development. Consider that 25 years ago Cancun was a village with 200 people; today it is a city with over 300,000 people. With a new foreign investment law, foreign capital is being invested in golf clubs, hotels, marinas and recreational facilities.

Talking Up Trade

Trade in Mexico is proving fast. Dr. Herminio Blanco sees a continuation.

Since 1989, Medico has received more than \$50 billion in direct foreign investment; one-fifth of the investment entered the country in the first nine months of 1994. Buring those same nine months, total U.S.-Mexico trade grew about 20% over 1993, on track to exceed \$50 billion for the year.

Today, as Emesto Zedillo assumes the presidency, México's trade prospects are brighter than ever, according to Dr. Herminio Blanco, who, as Mexico's chief negotiator for NAFTA, should know.

"Mexico is very, very successful in exporting and attracting foreign investment. Probably we would have grown faster if we had not had a difficult political year," says Or. Blanco, undersecretary of international negotiation with the Mexican Commerce Ministry.

"But \$8 billion in the first eight months is quite a success story.

"Mexico's success," said Dr. Blanco, "is largely attributable to the economic and political reforms that qualified the country to participate in NAFTA. Since NAFTA's enactment, the growth in U.S.-Mexico trade has been nothing short of 'amazing'," said Dr. Blanco. Automobiles, auto parts and electric appliances have led the way, while the country's biggest imports from the U.S. have been automobiles as well as telecommunications equipment and consumer goods.

How does Mexico ensure this sector's growth? "We have to become a tourist destination with better quality and improved services and that calls for better education and training. We have to promote Mexico in a more efficient manner. We have to improve our infrastructure," says Herzog. —Mi

And, as the U.S. Congress balks on extending fast-track negotiation power to further expand trade, Mexico is fast becoming the principal gateway for trade to Latin American markets. The country already has a free trade agreement with Chile, and will soon be implementing pacts with Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia and other nations of the region, and is looking to build ties to Asia and Europe

"Instead of getting more focused on the U.S., my forecast is that we will diversify. If world class Mexican companies have the quality to export to the U.S., then we have the quality to export anywhere," says Blanco. And, Mexico's proximity and lower transportation costs to North America and the rest of Latin America allow it to compete handily with the Far East.

Overseas businesses interested in Mexico can contact the Mexican Investment Board, which helps foreign business find partners and financing for projects in Mexico. Embassies and trade missions are other routes to market entry. Some U.S. states like California, Texas and Arizona, maintain offices in Mexico City that will assist businesses entering the Mexican market.

John Nagle is a freelance writer in Mexico City.

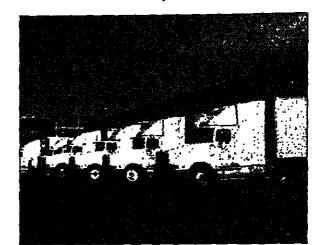
Casa Autrey: Know Thy Customer

After 102 years in the distribution business, Casa Autrey is a savvy link to the Mexican consumer.

Sergio Autrey is the president of Grupo Casa Autrey. "Among other businesses,"

he says, "Casa Autrey distributes to retail outlets in Mexico, both the big chains like Wal-Mart and Cifra and the thousands upon thousands of farmacias, or independent drugstores, that form the basis of pharmaceutical distribution in Mexico." This distribution knowledge is instrumental to U.S. brands that want their products on the shelves in Mexico. Blue chip American names like Lysol, Mars, Gillette and Kodak—all Autrey clients—show that there is a confidence in Autrey's penetration of the market.

But Sergio Autrey feels that distribution is only one part of the challenge. The real key, he says, is having a deep knowledge of the customer. Casa Autrey, he believes, has the



knowledge and uses added-value services like promotion and marketing, along with its wide-spread distribution, to make a difference to manufacturers. "It's not only the infrastructure. We bring brands to Mexican customers quickly and with an understanding of the customers' desires. We're always improving our merchandising of OTC and beauty products and general merchandise."

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Grupo Posadas: High Standards, High Returns As Mexico's tourism booms, Grupo Posadas leads the way.

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The company's business strategy has been to maintain the highest stndards through the use of state-of-the-art technology in its operations systems as well as its reservation system.

The business traveler or tourist will know Grupo Posadas through its hotel names, Fiesta Americana and the Fiesta Inn. Currenty it operates 44 properties throughout Mexico, 8 properties in Texas and California and 8 hotels in Venezuela and Nicaragua.

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THERE HAVE BEEN MANY NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN MEXICO'S COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. HERE ARE JUST A FEWS Privatization of the Mexican telephone company. Telmes, in 1991

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Banamex's Strategy: **Invest in the Mexican** People

Roberto Hernandez heads the largest bank in Mexico, Banco Nacional de Mexico, S.A. (Banamex). The Mexico Investor editors met with Mr. Hernandez to talk about Banamex and about the future of Mexico.

With NAFTA and the elections do you think Mexico is feeling challenged?

Mexican people know that there is a need to compete and they are prepared to do so. The Mexican industrialists are doing very well against international competition. Mexico has come through several experiences that could have shaken the economy—we are

through them and we are very well prepared to compete.

What about foreign entry into the market?

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We have foreign competition here. I would say that it is fine for foreign competition to be here. There are 101 niches we must fill in banking.

How does Banamex stand up to competition in Mexico?

Today Banamex has excellent products and services. It has the second largest network of telecommunications after Telmex. We have 9.5 million credit and debit cards and we can follow buying patterns of customers. But I would say that our greatest asset is the very good

people that work here.

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What about investment banking?

Banamex has 48% of all the Mexiequity mutual funds under management.

What other irons does Banamex have in

We are forming some strategic alliances now. One with MCI. We're just finishing an insurance deal in Europe. We're forming a strategic alliance with BankOne and with GE Capital. We've got a lot of things going.

Television Azteca: Turnaround City

man. He worked for four years to become the new owner of Television Azteca and to hear him tell it, it was worth the effort. Before last year, Television Azteca, like many other entities in Mexico, was government owned. And purchasing the company was like buying a fixer-upper. It needed new programming, new transmitters, operating systems, fewer employees and a budget. So why did Salinas pay \$640 million for this seemingly dilapidated package?

Location, location, location. By purchasing Television Azteca, Salinas actually purchased 192 broadcasting licenses. Compare that to NBC in the U.S., which own 12 stations and has 200-300 affiliates. "In our case," says Salinas, "the network is a totally different thing. All 192 stations are our own so the magnitude of the dealings is just enormous." Add to that the fact that there are only two national networks reaching 95% of the 90 million people in Mexico and you begin to see the appeal. Opportunities like this come around once every century or so.

Television continues to attract more and richer viewers in Mexico, according to Salinas. And viewers bring advertising, which is predicted to expand along with the growth of wages and income in Mexico.

Based on TV Azteca's forecast, there's lots more room for the growth of advertising. When the station was owned by the government, advertising revenues, which came mostly

icardo B. Salinas Pliego is a persistent revenue increase of about 16% over the next three years, raising revenues to about \$500 million in 1997. This growth will come from two places: the advertising market will expand and TV Azteca will continue to gain share as the new option for advertisers in the Mexican market.

Part of the reason for the growth potential is that Television Azteca is offering more variety in programming with an eye to attracting a mass audience. In fact, it has increased the ratings from 4% to 20%. The programming now includes strong news and entertainment coverage, the best sports coverage in Mexico and of course the country's beloved novelas, or soap operas. Television is strong in Mexico for another reason. It does not compete with newspapers, a big difference from the United States. The combined circulation of all newspapers in Mexico is less than 750,000 per day. That's why television has 67% of all advertising space.

And then there's interactive television, a game of chance Salinas calls Telegana. Consumers buy a little remote control costing about \$15 that hooks up to a telephone and modem. A game questionnaire comes up on the television screen and viewers answer questions to win free prizes-anything from T-shirts, to automobiles, to fully furnished homes. The remote control lets them play the game for a whole year. Salinas believes this will attract a huge audience in Mexico because people want to win something for free. Modems? Hook-ups? Well, telecommunications is moving very fast in Mexico and visionaries are in great demand.

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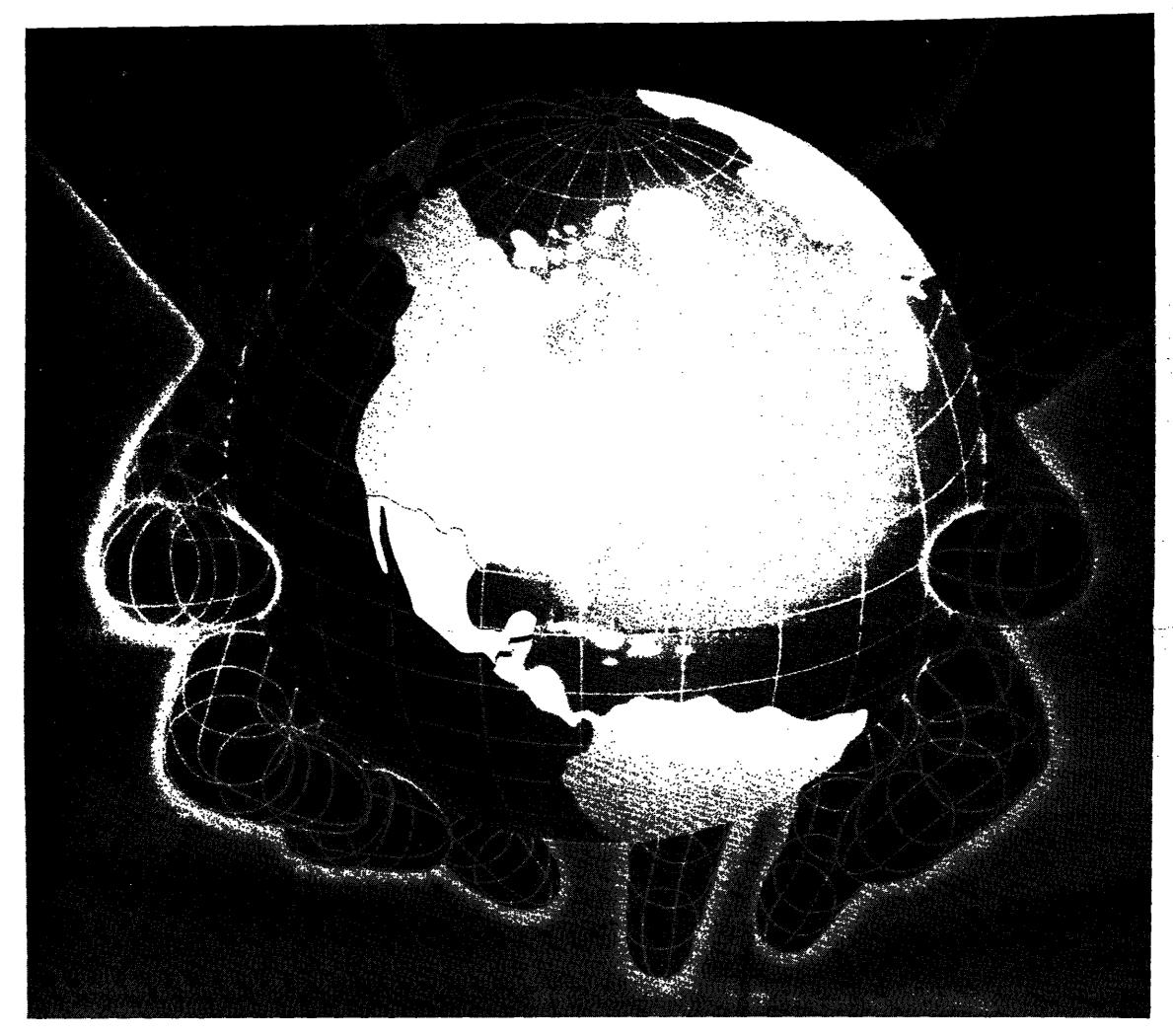
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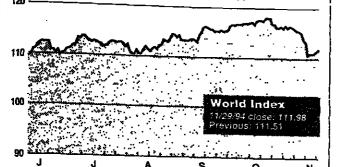
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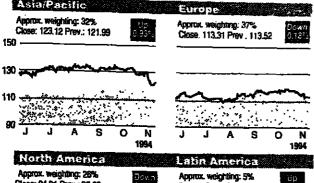
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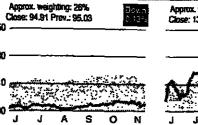




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Romagnolo To Weigh 'Friendly' **New Offer**

MILAN -- Credito Italiano SpA said Tuesday it was close to agreeing with Credito Ro-magnolo SpA on terms of a new bid for Romagnolo that would preserve the identity of the Bo-logna-based bank.

Credito Italiano last month bid 2 trillion lira (\$1.3 billion) for a 48.2 percent stake in Romagnolo, having bought 2 percent on the open market. The bid was rejected by Romagnolo, but investment banks working for both sides have been trying to reach some sort of agreement since then.

Romagnolo shares were suspended Monday at 17,100 lire a share pending an announce-ment. Credito Italiano is offering 19,000 lire a share.

We've taken note of Credito Italiano's more friendly proposal, and our management will evaluate it in a board meeting on Thursday," a Credito Romagnolo spokesman said. Credito Italiano said it would

recommend to Romagnolo's board that dividends distributed through 1997 not be less than 55 percent of of the bank's profit.
The Milan-based bank, which was privatized a year ago, also said it would propose

changes in Romagnolo's stat-utes that would require mergers to be approved by shareholders representing at least 80 percent of the bank's total capital. Credito Italiano also promised that minority shareholders

magnolo's board. In a defensive move after Credito Italiano's offer last month, Romagnolo announced plans to merge with a large Bologna savings bank, Cassa di Risparmio di Bologna. That merger still has to be reviewed by shareholders.

Terms of Italiano's new offer will be announced in the next few days, the bank said.

Britain's Budget Aimed at Helping Sustain Recovery By Erik Ipsen

LONDON — In a budget conspicuously short on surprises, Britain's chancellor of the Exchequer on Tuesday unveiled spending and revenue plans he said were designed "to keep the recovery on track."

In his speech before the House of Commons, Kenneth Clarke revised upward his forecast for economic growth to 4 percent this year, slowing to 3.25 percent next year. He also bailed the government's ability to keep underlying inflation, now running at 2 percent — its lowest level in 27 years firmly under control.

Analysts credited the combination of better-than-expected economic growth and lower inflation with enabling Mr. Clarke to cut his forecast for government borrowings to £34.5 billion (\$54 billion) in the current fiscal year and to £21.5 billion for next year.

Corey Miller, equity strategist at S.G. Strauss Turnbull,

said the projected drop in government borrowing provided "some gloss to an otherwise dull budget."

Mr. Clarke dismissed calls for politically popular tax cuts, insisting they would come only "when we can afford them." Analysis were quick to suggest that the chancellor was hording his political capital for use in his next budget. That budget and the one after it are widely expected to include substantial tax cuts before the general election that must be held by April

Gerard Lyons, chief economist for DKB International, compared the chancellor's performance Tuesday to that of a magician with a keen sense of timing. "The white rabbit will have to wait 'til next year to come out of the hat," he said. "It was very much a 'steady-as-she-goes, if-it-ain't-broke-don'tfix-it' kind of budget."

In place of sweeping visions of change, the chancellor focused on matters such as long-term unemployment.

In an attempt to spur job creation for those unemployed for

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Iberia Workers Agree To Pay Cuts and Layoffs

By Barry James onal Herald Tribune Workers at Iberia Air Lines of Spain accepted pay cuts and layoffs Tuesday in a labor deal that opened the way for a state bailout of the carrier and ended a one-day strike that had left

100,000 passengers stranded. Despite the agreement, Europe's eighth biggest airline re-mained on the critical list. Government aid could still be rejected by the European Commission in Brussels, whose decision to allow a similar bailout of Air France has been challenged

in court. A cost-cutting deal with the Iberia's unions was considered crucial to winning the approval of the European Commission for a government capital injection of up to 130 billion pesetas

(\$1 billion).

Iberia workers accepted an average 8.5 percent pay cut and the loss of 3,500 jobs out of a work force of 24,500. The agreement fell short of the 15 percent across-the-board pay cuts and 5,200 job losses Iberia's management proposed last week. But the management said in turn it had obtained productivity gains of 15 percent rather than the 9 percent it had sought originally.

The Iberia unions accepted

pay cuts ranging from 3 percent for the lowest paid to 15 percent

lion pesetas a year.

The crisis also laid bare the dilemma facing several European airlines that depend on government protection but remain inefficient because of lack of competition. The strike ground-ed 1,125 flights, including oper-ations by other airlines that have no choice but to use Iberia's protected ground services. The stoppage cost Iberia itself an estimated 1 billion peseras in revenue, airline sources said.

The Iberia agreement still has to be approved by the union representing nearly 1,200 pilots, which pulled out of the talks to conduct separate negotiations.

Theria received a 120 billion

peseta handout from the state in 1992 that was supposed to have been the last such aid. With debts estimated at more

than 420 billion pesetas and reserves of 30 billion pesetas, the carrier faced bankruptcy within four months, its chairman, Javier Salas, said recently. The airline ranks 11th in the world in terms of loss - \$340 million in 1993 - and 17th in sales, according to Airline Business magazine. Mr. Salas warned that the airline must dramatically cut costs before the European Commission would approve a new bailout. Like other struggling carriers

for the highest, including the in Europe, Iberia has argued pilots, who earn up to 20 mil-that it needs fresh aid to prepare for deregulation of the European airline market in 1997.

The European Commission already has conceded "oneshot, last-time" state aid for Sabena of Belgium, Air France and Olympic Airways, but it imposed strict conditions.

As Iberia announced a settlement, the Greek government introduced legislation to save its national carrier, Olympic Airways, from insolvency. The European Commission in July approved plans for the government to inject 545 billion drachmas (\$2.3 billion) to help restructure the state carrier.

British Airways, which is challenging the 20 billion French franc (\$3 billion) state handout for Air France in the European Court, said it was watching the Iberia situation carefully.

"We are opposed to any subsidies, but if there has to be one, we would expect it to be accompanied by appropriate and meaningful restructuring," a spokesman said.

Although Mr. Salas had said it might be necessary to sell assets. a spokesman said there were no plans to get rid of Iberia's 85 percent stake in Aerolineas Argentinas and its investments in two other airlines, Ladeco of Chile and Viasa of Venezuela.

OECD Chief to Keep Job for 18 Months

would be represented on Rofrom the 25 members of the bassadors of the member states. Organization for Economic Co- Approval of a new OECD chief operation and Development must be unanimous. ignated Donald Johnston of sion. Canada to become its head sources said Tuesday.

v days, the bank said. end 10 months of disagreement its campaign to replace Mr. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) over the succession, was Paye immediately as head of the

reached after 90 minutes of pri-PARIS - Ambassadors vate discussions between am-

voted to re-elect Jean-Claude The ambassadors were set to Paye of France as secretary- meet in formal session late general for 18 months and des- Tuesday night to ratify the deci-

The succession plan was nefrom June 1996, diplomatic gotiated last week between France and Canada. It forced The decision, which would the United States to abandon

dustrial countries.

Mr. Paye, a 59-year-old former French Foreign Ministry official, ended his tenure Sept. 30. The United States had sought to remove him from office immediately, replacing him with Mr. Johnston for a full five-year term.

When the deal to keep Mr. Paye on for an additional 18 months emerged Friday, diplomats from several member na-

International Herald Tribune Friday that his government was against it in principle. He said it was "a very strange deal, and we are really wondering if this is the best way to revitalize the OECD.

The United States had argued that Mr. Paye needed to be replaced to reinvigorate the OECD. Critics of Mr. Paye's leadership have characterized the organization as slow-mov-(AFP, AFX, Reuters)

Vehicle Exports By Japan Rise Compiled by Our Staff From Dispo

TOKYO -- Japan's vehicle exports in October grew 4 percent from a year earli-

Western Europe, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said Tuesday. It said exports of cars, rucks and buses totaled

er because of higher sales in

364,439 units. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

MEDIA MARKETS

ABC Agreement: Crossing a Line?

By Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service EW YORK - The venture

between Capital Cities/ABC Inc. and the powerful Holly-wood team of David Geffen, Jeffrey Katzenberg and Steven Spielberg will be the television industry's first in which a broadcast network intends to share advertising income and other revenue with an outside producer.

By agreeing to share revenue, ABC "appears to have crossed a line that the networks have never crossed before," said David Londoner, a broadcasting analyst for the investment firm Wertheim Schroder & Company. The deal was announced Monday.

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Indeed, an executive with another television production studio, speaking on condition of anonymity, said ABC had probably set a precedent that other networks might eventually have to follow.

"They open up a horner's nest that could have huge ramifications," the executive said.

ecutive said. "Up until this point, the networks have told every single supplier they would never share in ad revenues. Now the producers who have leverage will flood the networks with demands for revenue sharing. The amounts of money a hit show makes

are absolutely staggering." The ABC agreement was driven by market forces bigger than the network's desire to sign up the creative talents of Hollywood's newest independent entertainment company, or by the incentive for Messrs. Geffen, Katzenberg and

Spielberg to line up a distribution system for the programs they intend to create. In large part, the deal was a response to a fundamental change in the econom-

ics of television. Under a set of federal strictures known as the financial interest and syndication rules, the three main broadcast

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networks have been precluded from owning most of the prime-time series they broadcast.

Instead, they have acquired this pro-gramming by paying programmers the bulk of the production costs for network series in the form of license fees. The network recovers its investment through sales of advertising for the two times that a license usually entitles it to broadcast a

Under this system, the program's producer typically does not recover its portion of the production costs - or make profits, if any - unless and until it sells the rerun, or syndication, rights to the series several years later.

But as of November 1995, the three largest U.S. networks - ABC, CBS and NBC - will no longer be bound by these rules. Instead, like the newer, smaller Fox network, they will be permitted to produce and own as much programming as they choose and to sell the rerun rights.

The impending change is forcing the networks and programmers alike to reexamine their strategies. The networks are already beginning to use in-house production companies and have been looking at ventures or mergers with television studios.

Two leading television producers — Time Warner Inc. and Paramount Communications Inc. - are scrambling to start their own broadcast networks in an effort to insure a distribution system for

In the joint venture announced Monday by ABC and the three Hollywood executives, each side is said to be committing up to \$100 million initially for production of programs, agreeing to add more if necessary during the life of the seven-year deal.

In an interview Monday, Robert Iger, president of Capital Cities/ABC, summed up the strategy: "We see that our suppliers are becoming distributors themselves. We felt it was imperative to protect the supply of programming."

Meanwhile, Messrs. Geffen, Katzenberg and Spielberg can share the expense and risk of starting a new television production studio.

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MARKET DIARY

Confidence Data Send Stocks Down

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks slipped Tuesday after unexpectedly strong economic data raised concerns that inflation

and interest rates would head higher.
The Conference Board said consumer confidence in the economy rose sharply in No-

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high, with more households optimistic about jobs and income. The business research group's index rose to 101.3 from a re-

vised 89.1 reading in October. The report offset optimism about holiday sales and fourthquarter corporate earnings and focused attention on the chance that rising rates would keep investors away from stocks.

"That number was off the map," said Joseph DeMarco, managing director of equity trading at HSBC Asset Management. "No one even came close to predicting that."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down just 1.01 points at 3,738.55. Losing issues paced advancing ones by a 3-to-2 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.
The price of the benchmark

30-year Treasury bond fell 23/32 point, to 93 26/32, and the yield rose to 8.03 percent from 7.98 percent

With another batch of economic data due this week, investors were nervous about buying. The government reports its first revision of third-quarter gross domestic product Wednesday, and employment data for November to reach a four-year vember are due Friday.

RJR Nabisco was the most actively traded issue, losing 1/8 to 61/2 as investors continued to study the company's plan, announced over the weekend, to develop a smokeless cigarette.

Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts gained ¼ to 54¼ on optimism that Mexico's stock market would rally in December after President-elect Ernesto Zedillo took office.

OHM plunged 2 to 64 after Lehman Brothers dropped its research coverage of the environmental-services company.

MCI tumbled 11/2 to 19 after the long-distance phone company was lowered to a mediumterm neutral from a buy by Merrill Lynch amid concern that its growth was slower than expected and that MCI was losing market share.

(Bloomberg, AP)

Dollar Gains Strength On Fed's Credibility

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NEW YORK — The dollar rose against most other currencies Tuesday as investors were encouraged by its resiliency despite a drop in stock and bond

Analysts and traders attributed the dollar's newfound in-

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dependence from Treasurys to the Federal Reserve Board's improved credibility after its successful intervention to support the dollar and its aggressive in-

terest-rate rise this month. "Since the Fed showed its strength, the dollar has broken away from Treasurys," said Bill Bertha, a dealer at Mellon

Bank. The dollar ended at 1.5702 Deutsche marks, up from 1,5666 DM on Monday, and at 98.975 yen, up from 98.675 yen. The dollar also was traded at 5.3928 French francs, up from 5.3765 francs, and at 1.3295 Swiss francs, up from 1.3285. The dollar's ability to hold

above 1.56 DM during an early dip encouraged some technical buying, dealers said. Early volatility was spurred by a sharp rise in the Conference Board's consumer confidence index for November.

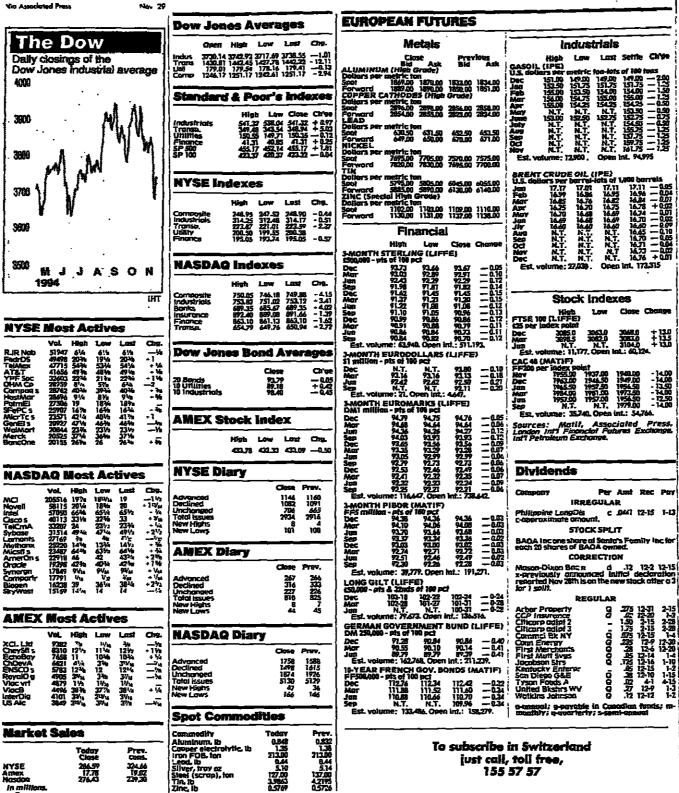
Expectations that Congress would pass the Uruguay Round world trade deal negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade also shored up the dollar, analysts said.

U.S. ratification of the GATT deal also is expected to restore foreign confidence in the U.S. stock market, which in turn would support the dollar.

But the pound edged up against the dollar, to \$1.5625 from \$1.5620, after Britain's chancellor of the Exchequer unveiled his new budget.

Kenneth Clarke's spending plan for 1994-95 called for lower government borrowing requirements and counted on subdued inflation, which un-

derpinned Britain's currency. (AFX, Knight-Ridder)



BRITAIN: New Budget Counts on Low Inflation and Reduced Spending

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more than two years, Mr. Clarke announced a plan to allow companies hiring the long-term unemployed to forgo their national insurance contributions for one year.

In a swipe at his opponents in the Labor Party, Mr. Clarke said the key to lowering unemployment costs. "We must re-duce the cost of employing 1997.

those who have been out of work," the chancellor said.

Mr. Clarke also repeatedly reaffirmed his commitment to low inflation. He predicted that inflation, which he said was at the lowest level since "England won the World Cup" in 1966, would peak at 2.5 percent next rate. vear before declining to the lower half of his target range of 1 percent to 4 percent by the end of the current Parliament in

In the City of London financial district, economists were quick to see a potential clash between the chancellor's outspoken support for low inflation with his projections for economic growth that remained well above the normal trend

Many said Mr. Clarke might have to follow the example of the Federal Reserve Board in the United States and raise in-

terest rates again soon to cool off the economy. In September, the Bank of England raised base interest rates by half a percentage point. to 5.75 percent, citing fears of

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rising inflationary pressures. Unlike many past economic rebounds, this one has come largely courtesy of a boom in exports rather than in domestic explaining the surprisingly be-nign inflation figures so far.

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Consumer Confidence Rises Sharply

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence in the U.S. economy rose sharply in November to reach a four-year high, with more households optimistic about jobs and income, the Conference

Board reported Tuesday.

The business-funded research group said its consumer confidence index climbed to 101.3 last month from a revised 89.1

reading in October. The index, calculated from a base of 100, is derived from responses to questionnaires sent to 5,000 U.S. households every month, querying consumers on topics that range from home-buying plans to local job conditions.

Alltel Sells Access Lines to Utility

STAMFORD, Connecticut (Bloomberg) - Citizens Utilities Co. has agreed to buy about 109,000 telephone access lines from Alltel Corp. for \$290 million, the companies said Tuesday. In turn, Citizens agreed to turn over operations of its telephone business to Alltel under a long-term contract. Terms of that contract were not revealed.

Boeing and McDonnell in Venture

NEW YORK (AFX) — Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. said Tuesday they had agreed to work on the design and development of a reusable launch vehicle aimed at replacing the

The companies said the new vehicle, called the X-33, would avoid costly and complex ground support in favor of simpler

The two companies said they would pursue the X-33 on a partnership basis, sharing risks, costs and profit.

Milacron to Purchase Krupp Unit

CINCINNATI (Bloomberg) — Cincinnati Milacron Inc. said Tuesday it had agreed to acquire Krupp Widia GmbH, an industrial cutting-tool maker, from Fried. Krupp AG Hoese Rrupp for about \$73 million. Cincinnati Milacron also will assume about \$24 million in debt.

The purchase will include Widia (India) Ltd., an Indian company of which Krupp Widia owns 51 percent. Both companies will become Cincinnati Milacron subsidiaries operating under the

Santa Fe To Meet With Union Pacific

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Santa Fe Pacific Corp. said Tuesday it would negotiate with Union Pacific Corp. to try to persuade the company to sweeten its \$3.3 billion bid. Santa Fe adopted a takeover defense designed to make a takeover without the board's blessing prohibitively expensive. Santa Fe shareholders, who were scheduled to meet Friday to vote

on the Burlington merger, will now meet Dec. 16.

The announcement effectively forces Burlington Northern Inc., which struck a friendly merger agreement with Santa Fe in June, to raise its \$3.03 billion bid or risk losing to Union Pacific.

Agency Proposes Bank Deregulation

WASHINGTON (NYT) - In a step that could lead to big banks selling real estate, computer services or possibly even securities, government regulators have proposed rules that would allow federally chartered banks to enter new lines of business. The proposals, made Monday, represent the latest erosion of the Glass-Steagall Act, the law that for 61 years has largely barred

commercial banks from trading securities.

The new rules would allow banks to set up subsidiaries that could undertake any activity "incidental to or within the business of banking." Approval would have to be granted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the federal bank regulatory agency that issued the proposal.

For the Record

Merrill Lynch & Co. said Brazil's stock market should rise \$ percent in 1995, on the basis of solid economic growth. (Reuters) Community Mutual Insurance Co. of Cincinnati and Associated Group of Indianapolis, both Blue Cross insurers, proposed a merger that would create a company insuring 7.7 million people and have combined assets of \$4.7 billion.

American Brands Inc. confirmed it is negotiating to sell its Franklin Life Insurance Co. to American General Corp. (AP) Occidental Petroleum Corp. said it would acquire all the capital stock of Placid Oil Co. for about \$250 million. (Knight-Ridder)

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Brokerages Face Fraud Charges in 3-Nation Inquiry

AMSTERDAM - Dutch, German and Belgian authorities have begun a criminal investigation into brokerage firms in four countries that are thought to have lost millions of dollars of Dutch investors' money on derivative investthents, officials said Tuesday.

Brokerage houses outside the Netherlands are suspected of pocketing investors' money and falsifying documents to make it appear that Dutch customers had incurred losses when in fact investments had not been

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Brokerage concerns based in the Netherlands are suspected of trading Dutch securities without the required licenses.

"Total damage must be in the tens of millions of guilders." said Bert Hoekman, an investiagtor with the Dutch Economic frime Squad, a part of the Justice Ministry. He said individual investors may have lost l inillion Deutsche marks (\$640.000)

The companies are alleged to have made unsolicited calls to Dutch private investors and tried to persuade them to specukite in high-risk options and futures contracts on commodities or on exchange rates, Dutch au-

The Securities Board of the

the companies, naming 22 brokerage houses in Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Belgium, and referred the companies to the economic crime

The squad is now working with authorities in Germany and Belgium in investigating possible fraud at the broker-

The securities board said it had acted after receiving a flood of complaints from investors who had done business with the companies listed.

In its statement accompanying the list of companies, the Dutch securities board said it suspected "that a number of brokerages offer services in the Netherlands without having the

Mr. Hoekman said this was particularly a problem with companies based in Germany.

"The problem is that it's not illegal in Germany to trade stocks without a license," he said. "That's why we, in investigating the German companies. are trying to find out if any other criminal offenses were committed, such as deceit or falsifying documents."

A German Finance Ministry official acknowledged that the system was flawed.

German Chemicals Show Strength **Program of Cost-Cutting Puts Companies in Lead**

By Ferdinand Protzman New York Times Service

BERLIN - The strength of the German economic recovery has surprised almost everyone this year. So what stocks look especially good? Chemicals, the analysts said.

Like other cyclical industries that usually gain disproportionally in economic upturns, the German chemical sector has cheered analysts with rising sales and

At the head of the list of companies expected to benefit the most are Germany's three biggest chemical concerns: Hoechst AG, Bayer AG and BASF AG. Supported by good economic growth in Germany and the United States — where all three have major subsidiaries — the Big Three are also expected to chalk up impressive profit gains because of the reorganizing they pushed through during the recession of 1992-93.

From Hoechst, the largest of the three chemical giants, to BASF, the smallest, the companies laid off thousands of em-

ployees, upgraded plant and equipment. and improved their competitiveness.

With German economic output expected to increase by 2 percent or 2.5 percent this year after a decline of 1.9

percent in 1993, the major chemical com-INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

panies are all well placed to translate those improvements into higher profits this year and next.

Because of this, Christian Heger, chief equity strategist at Trinkaus Capital Management in Düsseldorf, recommends overweighting the German chemical sector. He said the industry could expect major earnings growth in 1994 and 1995."

These German companies offer American depository receipts at large banks in New York, but the securities are not publicly traded and generally are for institutional investors.

quite as much as the rest of German industry in the recession. The Ifo Institute for Economic Research, based in Munich, forecast this week that total profits of industry in Western Germany would reach \$32.7 billion this year, well over twice the 1993 total of \$13.1 billion.

The three biggest chemical companies are likely to increase sales and profits by at least 10 percent this year.

Last week, Jürgen Dormann, the man-iging board chairman of Hoechst, put his stamp of approval on that view, saying the industry was well-positioned for an overall upturn." Hoechst's sales, he said, would probably rise 10 percent, to 50 billion Deutsche marks (\$32 billion).

The companies are also taking steps to generate higher profits. All the majors are moving away from bulk chemicals and increasing their reliance on highermargin pharmaceuticals and over-the-

U.K. Firms Must Pass on Higher Prices, Analysts Say

LONDON -- Shares in British chemical makers are likely to catch up with those of German companies when they start passing on higher costs for raw materials to customers, analysts said Tuesday.

These analysts added that lower costs. a steady European recovery and booming demand in America and Asia could only benefit even the poorest-performing British chemical makers.

Shares of midsized companies such as Hickson International PLC, Courtaulds PLC and British Vita PLC have trailed German chemical company stocks this

*Companies like British Vita are the classic raw-materials price squeeze," said John Doree at Robert Fleming Securities in London. "Their volumes and profits are under pressure as they wait for consumers to pay more for products."

Chris Sherlock at UBS Ltd. said. "The consumer is very reluctant to pay up, while manufacturers of raw materials have been able to raise prices."

But how can pricing pressures benefit Britain's consumer-oriented chemical makers? The smaller British chemical companies must follow in the footsteps of the larger German ones and reduce costs to increase earnings per share and raise their dividends, analysts said.

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Pres

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Mercedes of South Africa To Make Mitsubishi Trucks Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches JOHANNESBURG various African countries.

Daimler-Benz AG and Mitsubishi Motors Corp. said Tuesday invest 100 million Deutsche that Mitsubishi's Colt pickup marks (\$64 million) in South trucks would be made in South Africa over the next five years. Africa by Daimler's Mercedes-Benz of South Africa Pty. unit.

The president of Mercedes-Benz AG, Helmut Werner, announced the plan as he it plans to manufacture 38,000 launched a joint venture in vehicles there next year and em-South Africa with Mitsubishi. which plans to produce 8,000 trucks annually for the local market, creating 130 jobs.

The accord calls for 8,000 Colts to be made each year at the Mercedes-Benz South Afrialready begun, and Colts made in South Africa are to be sold in Mercedes-Benz said it would

Mercedes-Benz has been operating in South Africa for 33 years. One of the biggest German investors in South Africa, ploy almost 4,000 people while generating sales of 2 billion DM, officials said.

A day earlier, Ford Motor Co. announced it was buying back some of the manufacturing operation in South Africa it ing as many as 300 jobs, officials said. Production has former apartheid system there. has been the company's most to be cut by 50 percent.

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Investor's Europe

Very briefly:

Volvo AB took a 5.5 percent stake in the joint venture between Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Rolls-Royce PLC that will build the BR715 jet engine.

• Anglo American Corp.'s first-half net profit rose 17 percent, to 1.56 billion rand (\$440 million), helped by an increase in commodity demand worldwide.

• Cleanaway Holdings Ltd., a waste-management joint venture between Brambles Industries Ltd. of Australia and GKN PLC of Britain, said it would pay £125 million (\$195 million) for a division of Attwoods PLC if Attwoods could fend off a hostile takeover bid by Browning-Ferris Industries Inc.

• Volkswagen AG's worldwide sales rose 7 percent, to 2.76 million units, in the first 10 months of the year, led by U.S. sales.

 T&N PLC will take a charge of £100 million against its 1994 earnings for asbestos-related claims in the United States.

 France said it would privatize the state-owned tobacco monopoly Société Nationale d'Exploitation Industrielle des Tabacs & Allumettes, or SETTA, by next year.

• Carlsberg AS said a drop in the value of its bond portfolio offset an increase in sales to drive its profit down nearly 10 percent, to 885 million Danish kroner (\$144 million), for its financial year.

Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters, AP

BP's Simon to Be Chairman

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - British Petroleum Co. said Tuesday its chief executive, David Simon, would become chairman after Lord Ashburton retires July 1, 1995.

Mr. Simon, now group chief executive, will be succeeded by John Browne, now chief execu-Browne will be succeeded by Rodney Chase.

BP Exploration, its oil and gas (AP, Reuters, AFP) successful arm, with major dis-

coveries in South America and in the North Sea off Scotland.

British Petroleum is Britain's biggest integrated oil company. Its main businesses are the exploration, refining, shipping and marketing of oil.

Since taking over from the tive of BP Exploration. Mr. former chairman and chief executive, Robert Horton, in June 1992, Mr. Simon has led BP out of financial difficulties that had

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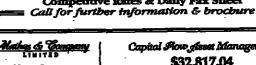


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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Proposed Agreement with Majority Shareholders and Cooperative Arrangements with BCCI

The Liquidators of International Credit and Investment Company (Overseas) Ltd., ICIC Holdings Limited, ICIC Invesments Limited and ICIC Apex Holding Limited (the "ICIC Group") are in the process of sending out letters, with attachments, to creditors relating to:

- a Proposed Agreement with the Government of Abu Dhabi on behalf of the Majority Shareholders of BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg) SA ("BCCI Holdings") under which \$1,800 million will be paid to the Liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA, Bank of Credit and Commerce (Overseas) Ltd., Credit and Finance Corporation Ltd., BCCI Holdings (the "principal BCCI Companies") and the ICIC Group for distribution to unsecured creditors;
- a Proposed ICIC Pooling Agreement whereby the assets of the principal BCCI Companies and the ICIC Group will be pooled and distributed rateably amongst creditors together with a Proposed ICIC Cost and Recovery Sharing Agreement and an ICIC Paying Agency Agreement between the Liquidators of the ICIC Group and the principal BCCI Companies ("Cooperative Arrangements with BCCI");

The Grand Court of the Cayman Islands will consider whether to approve the proposed Agreement with the Majority Shareholders and the Cooperative Arrangements with BCCI at a hearing on 12 and 13 January 1995. The courts in Luxembourg, England, and the Cayman Islands will consider whether to give such approval to the Liquidators of the principal BCCI Companies at hearings due to commerce on 30 November 1994, 19 December 1994, and on 12 January 1995, respectively.

If any creditor has not received the above letter and its attachments by 10 December 1994, or requires further information, or intends to appear or be represented at the court hearings, he or she should contact the Liquidators of the ICIC Group at P.O. Box 1359, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.I., by 4 January 1995.

Submission of Claims

If any creditor has not yet received a proof of debt form and would like to submit a claim, please write to the Liquidators at the address noted above.

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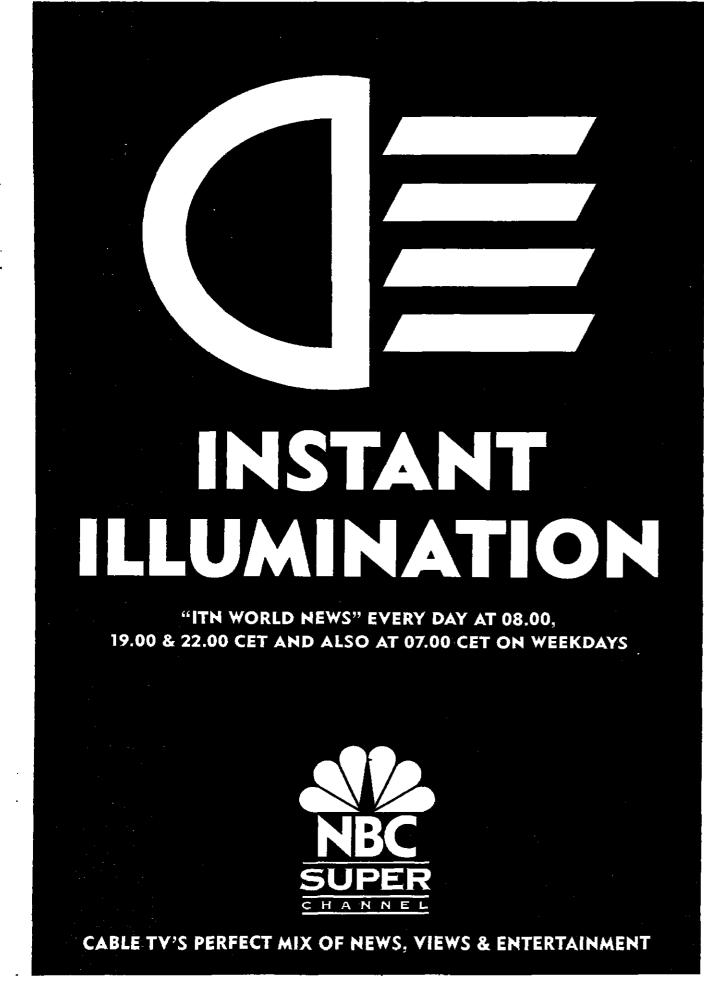
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Beijing Banker Asks Public to Aid Fight on Inflation

BEIJING — The deputy governor of China's central bank appealed Tuesday for help against inflation fueled by excess money supply, soaring wages and a construction boom.

Daily. Dai Xianglong of the clare bankruptcy if necessary. People's Bank of China sought public and corporate support for the fight against inflation by underlining the seriousness of the problem.

In October, consumer prices in China's 35 major cities were 27 percent higher than a year earlier. The steepest increase, 38.2 percent, was posted in Chongqing in the central province of Sichuan.

One chief cause of inflation was 100 much money, Mr. Dai 22id. Figures for M1 — which includes cash in circulation and certain kinds of deposits showed an annual rise of 32 percent over the first nine months of the year, compared with a target of 20 percent to 25 percent.

Mr. Dai attributed this to intense activity in the financial according to the China Daily.

trol of official banks.

He appealed to companies to obtain advance approval for projects so that proper funding could go to state-owned companies to help them restructure. In an article in the People's retrain excess workers or de-

> Another factor pumping up money supply was the flood of foreign capital into China, giving companies an alternative source of funding, he said. Direct foreign investment in the first eight months was \$20.5 billion, up 55 percent from a year earlier.

> The torrent of money helped push up capital construction in the first 10 months by 40 percent from a year earlier, wages at state companies by 41 percent and "management costs" in government departments by 37 percent, Mr. Dai said.

Separately, the State Administration for Commerce and Industry said the number of private companies in China had risen 58 percent to 374,700 in the first nine months of 1994,

the world: including virtually all the major international flag carriers.

France Seeks a Voice in Asia

HO CHI MINH CITY - Frenchspeakers, long proud of their language's traditions in culture and diplomacy, are now seeking a share of the dynamic Asian business world that is increasingly dominated by English.

For historical reasons, francophones have chosen Indochina, especially Viet-nam, as a springboard for their economic ambitions. To this end, the first Francophone business forum was held here last week. In three years, Hanoi will host a summit of francophone nations.

Proposals include a francophone trademark, a charter for francophone businesses that favors French in recruitment, training, contracts and publicity, and an agency for the promotion of francophone economics.

Vietnam, where, according to a Hanoi university student, "English is a vector of modernity and a way to trade with Asia." English is also useful in finding work here.

France is the only French-speaking country among Vietnam's 10 largest trading partners. France's share of the Southeast Asian market remains modest at 2 percent, half of Germany's share. In Vietnam itself, France's share is 8 per-

But the choice of Vietnam as a bridgehead for French-speakers in Southeast Asia," in the words of Foreign Minister Alain Juppé of France. is a long-term wager.

Vietnam is one of the poorest countries in the world, with an annual income ophone economics.

per person of less than \$200. It is also
afflicted with a bureaucracy that dis-

courages foreign investment despite recent efforts by the government.

If French-speakers want to improve their image in the region, they will also have to open northeastern Asia — especially South Korea and Taiwan — to French businesses, said Christian Lechervy, a strategic specialist. It is there that growth will be strongest during the

coming years, he said. But if French has its handicaps, it also has its advantages. The French language is "a supplement, a plus" to the omni-presence of English, Mr. Juppe said. In addition, French concepts of cen-

tralized and written laws, which differ from the more liberal common lawbased British system, may be more appealing to some Asian developing countries. France, too, is hoping that French will be a "window" for Asia to the European Union's market.

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two years after lawyers started work on a national securities law, debate is still preventing such legislation from being iming Tuesday.

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SHANGHAI — More than some government authorities certain national laws. even questioned whether such a law was needed.

China's stock markets now plemented, a professor working are governed by provisional on the issue was quoted as say-regulations in Shanghai and Shenzhen, home to the coun-Chao Fengqi, a professor of try's two markets. The securi-

law at Beijing University, said ties industry is also subject to

But current legislation contains gaping holes in areas such as insider-trading and corporate disclosure that have alarmed investors and contributed to a "Wild West" image for securities trading in China.

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Mr. Chao's comments, re-

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• The Hong Kong Stock Exchange's Hang Seng index will not be affected by the removal Wednesday of five companies from the Jardine Matheson group and two other companies, analysts said. • Thai Airways International Ltd. said an increase in passengers

helped it post a net profit of \$124.6 million in its latest financial year. The company said revenue rose 206 percent. • Microsoft Co., the Japanese unit of the U.S. software company.

is cooperating with Japan's biggest electronics makers to develop special Windows software for financial services.

• South Korea will raise its 10 percent limit on foreign ownership of companies to 12 percent, effective Thursday. Analysts said stocks could get a short-term boost from the measure. Shanghai's futures markets reported a surge in volume in the first

10 months of the year to 1.3 trillion yuan (\$153 billion), more than double the total for the whole of 1993.

China plans to develop a production capacity of 800,000 facsimile machines a year to cut its dependence on Japanese imports. Chinese demand for fax machines is growing 80 percent a year.

 The Guangzhou-Shenzhen superhighway in China has been generating 20 percent less revenue than expected because only half its exits have been opened, the highway's manager said. McDonald's Corp. said it wanted an urgent meeting with Chi-

nese authorities to discuss an eviction order against its restaurant

in central Beijing. AFP, AFX, AP, Bloomberg, Resturs **Jobless Rate Stays**

At 3.0% in Japan

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ployment rate stayed high in managers will not start hiring October, and officials said until they are convinced a re-Tuesday there was no immedicovery is under way.

ate sign of a turnaround. less rate stood at 3.0 percent for ed the Japanese economy would in a row, the Management and Coordination Agency said, just below its record of 3.1 percent in May 1987. Before being rounded off to

3.0 percent for official statistical purposes, the actual rate crept up to 3.03 percent from 2.98 percent in September. The number of people listed as unemployed in October fell to 1.99 million from 2.01 mil-

lion in September as the active labor pool shrank but was still far above the October 1993 level of 1.76 million. "The unemployment situation is not improving in line NEC Chip Project with overall economic recovery

as it did in the past," an agency official said. The jobs-to-applicants ratio in October was unchanged from the previous month at 64, meaning there were 64 job offers for every 100 applicants,

the Labor Ministry said. A ministry official commented: "Firms are not replacing the labor they cut for restructuring, even though the economy has started picking up. Jobs will in-crease only when firms launch

Although the Japanese economy has shown signs of recov- conductor plant in Kyushu in ery, economists say labor con- southern Japan.

TOKYO - Japan's unemfor some time, as company

A report released by Bank of The seasonally adjusted job- Tokyo Ltd. on Tuesday predictbeginning in March 1995.

Separately, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said prices paid by manufacturers in Japan for raw materials, parts and fuel averaged 14 percent higher than those in the United States, while the cost of services including telecommunications, leasing and transportation averaged 63 percent

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

To Get \$1 Billion

TOKYO — NEC Corp. said Tuesday it would invest \$1 billion on a production line for a

new generation of memory chips by 1997.

The 256-megabit chips will have 16 times the capacity of the largest memory chips currently on the market, which hold 16 megabits, or about 16 million units, of computer dat?

NEC said the new line would be built at the company's semi-



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Yugoslav Ban Ended, Europe Awaits Return of a Basketball Power

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Its two-year ban lifted, Yugoslavia is likely to return to international basketball next spring against none other than Bosnia-Herzegovina. Organizers are bracing for the possibility that both the Yugoslavs and the Bosnian Mus-lims will go on to confront Croatia at the European Championship finals in June in Athens, just 200 miles from the war-torn Balkans.

"We will have to make sure in Athens that all of the necessary security measures are in place," said a spokesman for FIBA, the international basketball federation.

It voted last weekend to reinstate Yugoslavia, at the urging of the International Olympic Committee. FIBA had grudgingly banned Yugo-

slavia in accordance with United Nations sanctions, which were partially lifted Oct. 5.

But Yugoslavia would be banned again should the UN decide to reimpose sanctions. The Yugoslav women's team is also free to qualify for the European Championships next summer in the Czech Republic.

The 19 members of FIBA's European board voted unanimously to reinstate Yugoslavia even though the team is likely to seize one of Europe's four slots for the 1996 Olympics.

The whole Olympic movement believes that all young people have the right to make sport and international sport against the influence of politics," the FIBA general secretary, Borislav Stankovic, said from Munich. "For practical reasons, it also makes sense because Yugoslathe competition."

The decision will have great imbasketball is immensely popular.
Unfortunately for those who wish to
pean finals.
"We will play normally," the secof the three teams bear reference to

their countries' graver battles. Bosnia was good enough to reach the final eight in Europe last year, but it probably cannot match the The director of the Bosnian na strength of either neighbor. Croatia and Yugoslavia will be favored along with Russia and Lithuania — to decide the championship.

or second from a six-team, roundrobin tournament created essentially five runners-up from the normal slavia. They are a very good team Stankovic, a Yugoslav who was born

via could have an excellent team and qualifying session — will be Bel- with very good and very well-known their presence could raise the level of gium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Estonia and players. For that reason I am sure it Turkey. The tournament will be held even if Yugoslavia is banned. Cropact in the former Yugoslavia, where atia, as well as neighboring Slovenia,

> retary general of the Yugoslav federation, Radoslav Petrovic, said of the likely games against other Balkan The director of the Bosnian national team welcomed the match against its war enemy.

"I am sure it will be only a sports match," said Mersad Djonlajic, an The Yugoslavs must qualify first editor of the international Bosnian newspaper Nova Bosna in Frankfurt. "It would be a great occasion for them. Their opponents - the for our players to play against Yugo-

would be great for our players to win against Yugoslavia.

Surely the Bosnians will want to win that match more than any other. "Maybe," he said. "But we have problem." interest in playing only for sports reasons. We would like to be in the position that we have won this game." Djonlajic said he had met with

clinic last month at Cyprus. "This is a very sensitive question now in this moment," he said, referring to the assault by Bosnian Serbs on the Muslim enclave of Bihac. He could not guarantee that Bosnia would not boycott the tournament.

Yugoslav administrators at a FIBA

"I think that the players will never, never make any problems," said or another home city, but on a neutral court I think there will not be a

Before the Balkan war, Yugoslavia was the new power in European basketball. Stankovic, of FIBA. notes that a unified Yugoslav team could have challenged the American 'Dream Teams" at the 1992 Olympics and the World Championships last summer.

The best Yugoslavs and Croats are stars in the National Basketball Association or with foreign clubs in Europe. Every member of the Bosnian national team plays abroad, in our philosophy is very simple. Croatia. Germany, Italy, Spain or Whether it is 20 degrees or 10 de-Croatia, Germany, Italy, Spain or

in Bihac but grew up in Belgrade.

"Playing on a neutral court, I am optimistic. That would not be the optimistic. That would not be the during the two years of UN sanctions. Yugoslavia claims that the 32team first division continues to draw 1,700 spectators per game.

The players are younger, with the best young players tied home by long-term contracts. The elite players and coaches emigrated to foreign clubs at the beginning of the war, while all other senior players are required to enter the army for one year. The main problem has been heating the arenas for practice twice

"We are without oil, without gasoline, so the gym is not comfortable for training." Petrovic said. "O.K.

IAAF to Require **Waiver on Drugs**

field athletes will be required to

to court, world track's governing body decided on Tuesday. The decision by the International Amateur Athletic Federation is designed to discourage athletes from challenging its

drug-related rulings in court. In a move designed to speed up disciplinary action for those who flunk drug tests, the IAAF's council voted to dispense with the mandatory testing of an athlete's "B" sample if the "A" sam-

ple has been tested positive. The pledge to abide by internal appeals procedures will be included on a form the athletes sign when they submit to a drug test, and is intended to make court action a means of last resort for athletes.

"The form stipulates that the athlete agrees that all disputes arising from doping control will

Lendl, Hurt, to Miss Australian Open

MELBOURNE (AP) - The two-time champion Ivan Lendl

will miss the Australian Open tennis championships for ther first

time in eight years because of a back injury, tournament officials

beaten as a finalist in 1983 and 1981. The former No. I player's

Aide to Be Colorado Football Coach

night as the school's head coach, replacing Bill McCartney.

BOULDER, Colorado (AP) - Rick Neuheisel, an assistant

Neuheisel, 33, has been the team's quarterbacks and receivers

football coach at the University of Colorado, was hired Monday

coach under McCartney, 54, who resigned Nov. 19. saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. McCartney will make

his last coaching appearance Jan. 2 when Colorado faces Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

Men's World Cup giant statom and statom races will be held this

weekend in Tignes, France, to make up for those called off

Saturday and Sunday in Sestriere, Italy, the international ski

world ranking has dipped to 54th this year.

The Australian Open is to be played Jan. 16-29.

Lendl, 34, won the tournament in 1989 and 1990 and was

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be resolved in accordance with BARCELONA - Track and IAAF arbitration rules," said an IAAF spokesman, Christosign a waiver agreeing to resolve pher Winner. "That essentially all doping disputes within the means before an athlete goes to sport's guidelines before going the courts he or she is obliged to

go through our system first." Under IAAF rules, athletes who test positive are entitled to a hearing. Those who wish to take the matter further can request that the case be heard before an

independent arbitration panel. Winner said the council's ruling would have no effect on an athlete's civil rights.

"We're merely asking them to follow the process we have," Winner said. There is no violation or infringement on their civil liberties.

The IAAF wants to avoid being involved in costly legal battles, such as the one waged against the federation by the American sprinter Butch Reynolds. Reynolds sued the IAAF over a disputed positive drug test and won a \$27 million settlement. which was later overturned.

Prince vs. Pauper in the Continental Clash of Champions

ONDON - A journey L that began in an Argentine railroad tunnel in 1910 reaches the end of the line in Tokyo on Thursday. Velez Sarsfield, from the

poor side of the tracks in a Buenos Aires suburb, is one stop away from being the world club champion of 1994. Its opponent in Tokyo's National Olympic Stadium is AC Milan, the aristocrat among soccer teams.

We would be well advised to seek romance in the journey rather than the final coming

together. Milan, owned by Italy's prime minister, Silvio Berlus-



coni, is struggling to find form and goals. Velez Sarsfield has reached this game by squeezing opponents until they suc-

cumb on penalty shoot-outs. I suspect the global audience knows as much as it needs to know about a Milan team burdened by expectation, crying loudly about injuries, wearied by the constant flights to pick up more trophies and ac-

To Velez Sarsfield, all of this is new. Never before has it played to a television audience in 60 countries, nor has anyone previously offered it \$300,000 just to turn up.

the underdog, many among storm. to be hollering for the Argentines on Thursday night. So, for sure, will millions of South American viewers who must rise at dawn to catch the kickoff. And Europe, presumably, will be split over a contest that starts off at mid-morning local

Begging Italy's pardon, the Milanese weekly tale of groin strains among the stars hired from around the world is small potatoes compared to the Velez_Sarsfield story.

From the start, 85 years ago.



Soccer fans converging on AC Milan's Daniele Massaro on Tuesday in Tokyo, where the European club champion will face the South American champion, Velez Sarsfield of Argentina, on Thursday in the Intercontinental Cup.

it was a question of cutting the 1969, insisted that a club withcloth according to the means.

When the club struggled to find a name, its railroad worker pioneers named it for the Aires where it was conceived, station beneath which they Given Japan's affection for had sought shelter from a

> of their shirts, it had to be white — the cheapest material around. A blue V was added in 1933 when a tailor offered a cheap deal on rugby shirts. For years the team trod

rented fields and wallowed in debts. Then, in 1940, came a benefactor, a visionary whose name, José Amalfitani, is still enshrined in the 50,000 capacity stadium he built. Now, 30 sports are sponsored by Velez Sarsfield.

Amalfitani, who remained president until his death in out real roots was worthless.

He erected his stadium in the Limers district of Buenos diverting a river into an underground stream to do so.

The journey has been upday, certainly beyond Amalfitani's wildest dreams, but led by a coach whom the old man knew as a childhood goalscorer, Velez Sarsfield reaches the highest ground in club soc-

Carlos Bianchi, the child, played for Velez Sarsfield in two spells with 206 goals.

He went off to France to make his fortune, then returned, and now, with his shock of gray hair, he resembles a professor. He plots the downfall of wealthier teams, and does not mind how pragmatic the victories may be. That was the first and only

time we have played ruthlessly the 27 players of Velez Sarsand defensively like this," he field. said after Velez Sarsfield bludguished the Brazilians on pen-

Barraquilia, and Defensor of in the game Thursday.
Uruguay by the shoot-out trial Chilavert would join the

goalkeeper made for drama. Chilavert, a Paraguayan, is one of only two foreigners among

Otherwise, the pride and the geoned the ball out of the bonding in the team is that ground to hold Sao Paulo, last performers, like Coach Bian-I over two legs and then extin- the streets of the club's Buenos Aires district.

Chilavert is different. Es-HE only time? Come, tranged from his native councome. Carlos. Velez Sars- 1ry, where his aggressive field played 14 games to cap- mouth and his singular nature ture the Copa Libertadores, became too much after 35 inthe South American cup. It ternational appearances, he scored just 14 goals, conceded now will be relishing the pros-2, and knocked out both the pect of winning the car award-Colombian champion, Junior ed to the most valuable player

f nerves. winners of the past — Zico. The nerve in question belongs to José Luis Chilavert, a Of course most of them scored

In three years he has kicked 28 successful penalties. He has saved a good number, too, acting the clown to exploit the nervousness of opposing players during the dreaded shoot-

"I abuse them," he shrugs, "they abuse me. It's part of the game.

NOT SO usual is the goal-keeper rushing up field to knock his team captain. Roberto Trotta, aside so that he can score the winning goal from a 25-meter free-kick, as Chilavert did in a recent league

A former striker, he believes in the power of his left foot. A member of the exclusive club of zany Latin goalkeepers, he refuses to consider that he has equais.

"I am not the same as René Higuita or Jorge Campos." he says, referring to the Colombian and Mexican keepers. "They can't shoot like I do. and I don't take as many risks

as they do.' We should not doubt that Chilavert is preparing to go the distance and then, magnanimously, to thank the supporting cast for their stubbornness. their morale, their relative an-

onymity on his big night. The likeliest candidates to steal his thunder are Esteban Flores, whose lightning strikes scored four times in the Copa Libertadores, or Omar Asad, built like a middleweight boxer and a scorer six times in the

competition. Asad, 22, was born and reared in Buenos Aires, but acknowledges that he might be the only player of Arab descent in major South Ameri-

can soccer. So what is left for Silvio Berlusconi to win in Tokyo that his Milan has not won twice before? Berlusconi can only repeat the boast that his millions and his desire have built the best team on earth. Again:

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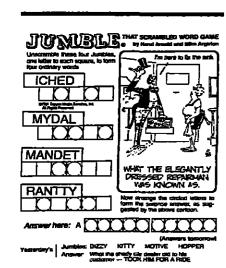
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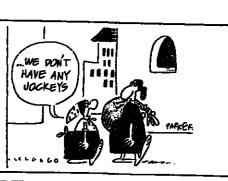




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As College Bowls Issue Bids, Timing Is the Only Surprise

Officially, everyone was surprised and happy when the colficially extended on Monday.

No. 4 Miami in the Orange Bowl, No. 7 Florida State will meet the winner of Saturday's Alabama-Florida game in the Sugar, and No. 5 Colorado faces Notre Dame in the Fiesta.

The matchups were announced Monday, six days be-fore the original date scheduled by the bowl coalition. Bowl officials announced the

pairings early because they did not anticipate major changes in the rankings after Saturday's Southeastern Conference hampionship game between No. 3 Alabama and No. 6 Florida. There could have been a shake up if Alabama trounced Florida and moved up to No. 1, but that seemed unlikely.

For the second straight year, an undefeated Nebraska team will play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl.

Based on past performance at the Orange Bowl, Miami (10-1) should be favored over Nebraska (12-0). The Hurricanes are 62-1 on their home field over the past decade, while the Cornhuskers have lost five straight at the Orange Bowl

The Orange Bowl will be the only game with national championship implications that will be played on New Year's Day, which is a Sunday and the second day of the National Football League's wild-card play-offs. The Orange Bowl usually starts about 8 P.M., after most NFL games are finished. But the other bowls, rather than compete with the NFL for television audiences, chose to move their games to Jan. 2.

The Sugar Bowl selected Florida State (9-1-1) to play the

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ege football bowl bids were of Seminoles overcame a 28-point deficit in the fourth quarter Sat-No. 1 Nebraska will play urday to tie the Gators, 31-31.

"If that happens, we're billing it as 'Overtime and the Sugar Bowl,' " said the Sugar Bowl's president, Chuck Zatarain.

The alternative is Alabama (11-0) vs. Florida State.

"One way, we get an unde-feated team with a legitimate shot at the national championship," said the Sugar Bowl's ex-ecutive director, Troy Mathieu. The other way, we get to finish a fantastic game that started last Saturday.

Meanwhile, the drawing power of Notre Dame once more became obvious. Under terms of the contract with the schools that comprise the bowl coalition, a source said, the Fighting Irish could go to the Fiesta, Orange, Cotton or Sugar bowl if they had a record better than 6-5. They are 6-4-1.

Other major bowl matchups include: Rose Bowl: No. 2 Penn State vs. No. 12 Oregon; Cotton Bowl: No. 21 Southern Cal vs. Texas Tech; Citrus Bowl Alabama-Florida loser vs. No. 13 Ohio State; Gator Bowl: Tennessee vs. No. 17 Virginia close to them.
Tech; Sun Bowl: Texas vs.
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State vs. 23 North Carolina technology State vs. No. 16 Mississippi State; Hall of Fame Bowl: Wisconsin vs. No. 25 Duke; Freedom Bowl: No. 15 Arizona vs. No. 14 Utah; Independence four touchdowns. Bowl: Texas Christian vs. The victory gav

No. 19 Virginia; Copper Bowl: Oklahoma vs. No. 22 BYU; Alamo Bowi: Baylor vs. No. 24 Washington State; Holiday Bowl: No. 20 Michigan vs. No. 10 Colorado State.

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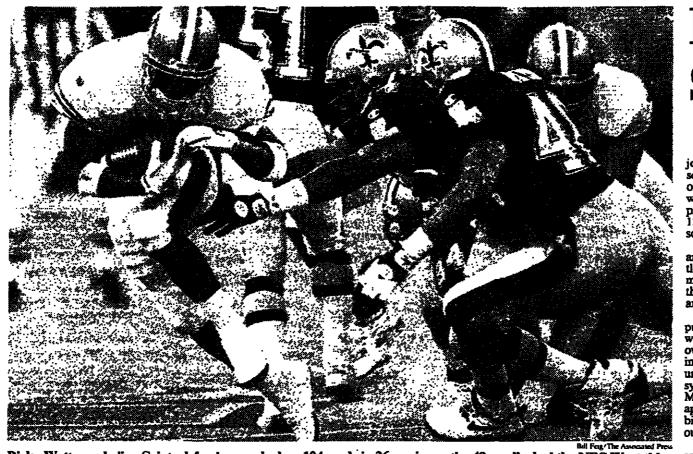
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Ricky Watters, eluding Saints defenders, racked up 104 yards in 26 carries as the 49ers clinched the NFC West title.

Baseball Talks: Stall Is Still On

By Mark Maske

WASHINGTON —The Major League Baseball Players As-sociation has decided it will not sociation, William J. Usery, is offer a counterproposal this week to the taxation system proposed by the team owners 12 days ago, according to sources close to the situation.

The prospects of the union and the owners reaching a settlement to end the players' 31/2month-old strike and ensure that next season begins on time are as bleak as ever.

The union's decision not to present a counterproposal this week virtually ensures that the owners will decide to declare an impasse in negotiations and unilaterally impose a salary cap system when they meet next Monday in Chicago. The union apparently believes that this bitter labor war will be played out in court and in Congress.

Representatives of the players and owners gathered Monday at a conference center in suburban Washington.

Talks were scheduled to reurging the two sides to make a frantic final push toward a deal. But privately, principals on both sides of the dispute remained pessimistic Monday, saying they expected this set of meetings to

break up after a day or two. The players' executive board is scheduled to meet in Atlanta beginning next Monday, and sources said the union does not plan to make a counterproposal before then. Ownership representatives said Monday they were hopeful of receiving a counterproposal from the players this week, but management

sources acknowledged that they did not expect that to happen. Asked whether that made it inevitable that owners would unilaterally impose a salary cap next week, one management source, referring to the players, said: "I don't think they are going to leave us with any choice."

The source added, however, that negotiations could continue if the union made a counterproposal following the implementation of a salary cap.

■ Mets Acquire Harnisch

The New York Mets, looking to add an experienced pitcher to their rotation, acquired Pete Hamisch on Monday from the Houston Astros for at least one player to be named. The Associated Press reported.

Harnisch, Houston's opening-day pitcher last April, went 8-5 with a 5.40 earned-run average in the strike-shortened season. The right-hander, 28, spent a month on the disabled list with a torn tendon in his pitching arm. His salary last season was \$3.205 million.

Harnisch allowed 100 hits in 95 innings over 17 starts. He has a career record of 61-55 and ERA of 3.73 in six seasons.

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49ers Roll Over Errors and Saints

San Francisco 49ers left no verted 11 of its 15 third-down doubt about a simple fact: nobody in the National Football League other than Dallas is

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The 49ers became the first team to clinch a playoff spot by overcoming a couple of mistakes that would kill mere mortals to beat New Orleans, 35-14, on Monday night as Steve Young threw for 281 yards and

The victory gave them: • Their 11th NFC West title

in 14 years. • Their 12th straight season of 10 victories or more.

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The Associated Press stopped," the Saints' coach, Jim Saints 461-222 and keeping the NEW ORLEANS — The Mora, said of a team that conball for more than 38 minutes. opportunities. "They're the best offensive team in football, the best offense I've ever seen."

The victory kept the 49ers (10-2), who also rolled up 191 yards on the ground, on top of the Cowboys (10-2) for the homefield advantage on their inevitable course toward a third straight NFC title game. San Tyrone Hughes's 86-yard return of a fumble by Ricky Watters for

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ball for more than 38 minutes. Young threw first-half touch-downs of 4 yards each to Brent Jones and John Taylor, found Jones again from 6 yards out on a drive that consumed 9:02 at the start of the second half and capped the scoring with a 43-yarder on a slant to backup

Nate Singleton. field if the teams are tied because it beat Dallas two weeks ago.

Young who had completed Saints (4-8) and a second-quarter fumble by Young at the Saints 12 that held the 49ers to a

San Francisco has won 10 or

the Blockbuster Bowl in his first year back at Stanford in 1992. But the team slipped to 4-7 last season and was 3-7-1 this year.

Walsh Leaves Stanford

After 2 Losing Seasons

STANFORD, California — Bill Walsh, who returned to Stanford to find his "bliss" after coaching the 49ers to three

Super Bowl titles, has resigned after two straight losing seasons.

Walsh, who had two years remaining on a five-year contract, will become a special assistant to the Stanford athletic director.

The departure of Walsh, who turns 63 Wednesday, had been

rumored in recent weeks. "I just felt that this was an appropriate

Walsh returned to Stanford three seasons ago after compil-

Walsh, whose first head coaching job was at Stanford in

1977-78, when he led the team to consecutive bowl victories, led

the Cardinal to a 10-3 record and a victory over Penn State in

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ing a 102-63-1 record in 10 years as coach of the 49ers,

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time to move to another stage of my life," Walsh said.

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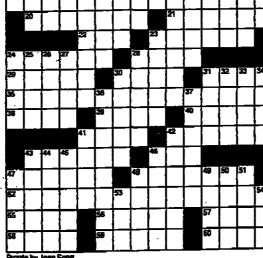
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Please Save Us From Ourselves

OBSERVER

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — School prayer and the baseball strike remind me of daytime television. In all three departments Americans are confessing something they ought to be ashamed of

This is, that they are incapable of self-

control. Worse, that they want government to step in and control their behavior for them.
"Pass a law," is the plea being heard even
from Republicans whose usual complaint is that there are too many laws already.

Yet now they are saying. "Pass a law that will make us stop our rotten behavior." In short, call in the government. Republicans who keep telling us Old Devil Government is not the answer are as hot as Democrats for strong government action on the self-control front.

To illustrate: Hordes of Americans apparently ashamed of their failure to pray sufficiently want the Constitution amended so they will be compelled to pray out in the open, at least as schoolchildren.

This yearning for the authorities to step in and put steel in the American spine infects many aspects of the national life. The baseball strike illustrates how widespread it is.

The baseball owners' proposed salary cap would establish a new law limiting the amount of each owner's payroll. This would force them to stop their self-destructive bidding competitions that have enriched so many excellent players as well as many not so excellent.

Not surprisingly, the players invited themselves out of that arrangement. Hence, the strike. Here was a club of millionaires - strong-minded men and women, we might suppose if we accept the popular notion that possession of millions is a symptom of powerful mental apparatus - yet they wanted a new law to stop from spending themselves to death.

Remember the serial murderer in Chicago whose lipsticked message on one vicim's wall was, "For heavens sake catch me before I kill more I cannot control myself"? This is an idea whose time seems to have come, all over America. The handwriting on the wall says we are a people unable to control ourselves, a people craving police custody, a people who want government firmly on our backs.

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Baseball owners and people who don't pray enough in private are just a few of those classes yearning to have government up there on their backs where it rode in the good old days before movies, television and books had to be dirtied up before you could get millions of people to shell out

money for them. Calls are constantly heard for some authority that will stamp out entertainment that nice people shouldn't be exposed to. Sexual squalor is particularly blamed as a corruptor of people entertained by its literary, cinematic or tele-genic representation. "Stop us before we watch simulated sexual intercourse

again," is the essential plea. Even the more disgusting representations of physical violence now rouse calls for an entertainment police. Here is dramatic change. In the past even the most resolute censors have worked on the assumption that murder is cleaner than sex.

The good old moral middle class is said to be fed up with filth and violence on television. It has good reason to be, Mass-market television's afternoon is a bazaar of human freaks titillating the whole darn country about those really weird -

Well, never mind. Suffice it to say that I have heard middle-class moms on afternoon talk shows say things that Marine veterans of Guadalcanal would have been too delicate to mention in mixed company, much less to a nationwide audience.

Who watches all these freak shows? The same people who buy the grocery tabloids at the checkout counter; namely, the good old moral middle class who want to be stopped before they bathe in the gutter

Then there is the balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. If enacted, this will force all members of Congress to stop before they spend again. These pathetic wretches are sunk so deep in their vice that they now seek relief by mutilating the Constitution.

They propose putting government on the back of government itself so their inability to control themselves will be restrained, presumably by the threat of a long sentence to Congressional Prison. I envision a cell with dining room and woodburning fireplace.

New York Times Service

Arthur C. Clarke, a Man in Perpetual Motion

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service COLOMBO — When the dean of science fiction writers, Arthur C. Clarke, explains why he chose to move to this island nation in the southern Indian Ocean almost 40 years ago, he says he craved the peace that would have escaped him in his native Britain or in the United States.

"If I had lived in New York or London, I'd be eaten alive," said the 76-year-old Clarke, who is the writer of more than 80 books and many short stories and scripts, including the Oscar-winning screenplay he wrote with Stanley Kubrick for "2001: A Space Odyssey." "Here in Sri Lanka, I can control things better. I don't get so caught up in the mad rush."

At Clarke's home in a suburb of the Sri Lankan capital, visitors are greeted by a secretary bearing briefing notes that make Clarke sound like a recluse. One biography quotes Clarke as having said he no longer gives interviews, as, in his words: "I am now completely fed up with talking (even about myself). Everything anyone may need to know will be found in

But as soon as Clarke appeared, the caution was abandoned. For several hours, he was a study in perpetual, if unpredictable motion, leaping from one topic to another, rising suddenly from his swivel chair and plunging about his study in his sandals and sarong to find a photograph of himself with Neil Armstrong, a fax from Steven Spielberg, or a visitor's book that reads like a Who's Who of space explora-

The commotion ended only when he had to join a round-table discussion with other futurists - by video-telephone link to the United States. The videophone competes for space on his desk with a computer on which he recently finished "terraforming" Mars making a planet suitable for human habitation — for a book to be published shortly. "The Snows of Mount Olympus.

Close by lay folders with the details of two dozen current projects. One is a book about scuba-diving the passion that brought Clarke to Sri Lanka in 1956. Another is a collaboration with Spielberg on a film built around a novella Clarke wrote in 1992, "Hammer of God," about an asteroid that imperils the Earth in the next millennium. "You have been an inspiration to me throughout my creative life." the director wrote in the fax that is Clarke's pièce de resistance on a recent monsoon-swept afternoon.

Clarke, who has suffered since the early 1960s from a debilitating condition that was ultimately diagnosed as post-polio syndrome, is just back from a trip to the United States and Britain. It included long sessions with senior officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and reunions with American and Russian astronauts at a televised tribute to his



Clarke, at his home in Sri Lanka, uses technology to keep in touch with the world he left.

life by the BBC in London. The trip, he said, left him

feeling "years vounger."

Given Clarke's frenetic pace, this is just as well.

Much of his effort in Sri Lanka seems to be spent using technology to reduce the distance he has placed between himself and the world he left behind. In a sense, it is a personalization of the schemes he has conjured up in his writing, in which humanity pushes ever outward to new worlds.

Clarke was nominated this year for a Nobel Peace Prize, something even he thought might be an award too far. The nominator, Glenn Harlan Roberts, a University of Tennessee law professor, noted that Clarke is more than a science-fiction writer. Among other things, it said, he is recognized, from a 1945 article for Wireless World, as the intellectual father of the fixed-position communications satellites that ushered in a new telecommunications era,

The nomination also cited a passage from Clarke's book, "The Challenge of the Spaceship." which was written a decade before the first manned moon landing in 1969. "It is not easy to see how the more extreme forms of nationalism can long survive when men begin to see the Earth in its true perspective as a single, small globe among the stars," he wrote. A photograph from that first mission hangs by Clarke's desk, with the Earth hanging like a blue orb in space.

But Clarke has not escaped the persistence of terrestrial prejudice in Sri Lanka. For a decade, life here has been knocked sideways by a cycle of civil war and brutal assassination growing out of enmities between the ethnic Sinbalese majority and the Tamil minority.

Divorced many years ago from his American wife, Clarke shares a home with his partner in a scuba diving company, Hector Ekanavake, a renowned Sn Lankan diver, and Ekanayake's family. A few years ago, Clarke and the Ekanavakes considered leaving because of the violence. But they stayed, and Clarke decided to use part of his fortune, estimated by some to run into tens of millions of dollars, to help bereaved families and to finance educational projects,

Although he is a seemingly inexhaustible conversationalist, the philosophical ruminations that might be expected from one who lives uneasily between the old world of ethnic wars and the new world of space exploration do not much interest him.

"I get fed up with things you can't solve one way or another," he said. "I'm not a dreamer, never have been. I think of myself as somebody who looks at scientific things, and asks: 'Where can we go with this? How can we use this to make our world better?" And I hope that in some small way I have helped push the process forward."

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FIRST PICTURE SHOW — Demi Moore arriving at the premiere of "Disclosure" in Los Angeles. Moore co-stars with Michael Douglas in the movie, based on Michael Crichton's novel, about a woman harassing a man.

HE German painter Gerhard Richter L has been awarded the 1994-95 Wolf Prize for the arts, the Wolf Foundation announced Tuesday in Jerusalem. Richter was chosen for the \$100,000 prize "for his vast artistic activity, which has influenced the contemporary art scene of the past three decades," the foundation said. Wolf Prizes are also awarded in five fields of science. In the arts, the prize rotates among architecture, music, sculpture and painting.

PEOPLE

Hillary Rodham Clinton took a bumpy glass ornament atop the National Christmas Tree behind the White House, and then lost her shoe when the heel snagged on dismounting. "My slipper -- like Cinderella," the first lady was overheard saying as a National Park Service employee helped her retrieve the shoe. . . . Where some see stiffness. Tipper Gore sees "absolutely pure animal magnetism." That's what the teenage Tipper felt when she met Al Gore in 1963 at his senior prom in Washington, Mrs. Gore told Women's World magazine that her husband still loves a prank. She said Gore recently held out a half-empty bottle of hair-removal

cream while taking a shower and asked her if he had enough shampoo. "I took one look at him and screamed. Quick. get that off your head.' I thought all of his hair was going to fall out."

The notion might have driven Coco crazy: Danny Aiello attired in a lovely little Chanel outfit. "I look like Margaret Thatcher," the actor said of his performance in the forthcoming Robert Altman movie "Pret-à-Porter," Aiello plays a fashion director for a department store who has

An art-world figure charged with fraud for allegedly misappropriating paintines from the estate of the artist Victor Vasarely has gone on hunger strike, prison officials in Marseille reported Tuesday. Charles Debbasch, a professor of law at the University of Aix-en-Provence and the former head of the Vasarely Foundation, which administers the painter's work, has been in dispute with the artist's family for three years. The family accuses Debbasch of embezzlement and profiting from the disappearance of paintings during his tenure at the foundation.

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